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Spending cuts not likely to be deep at board of education

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton school trustees have to shave just .5 per cent from their draft budget to give the province what it wants — no tax hike for the board's final year in power.

As Queen's Park prepares to chop the number of school boards in half and take over education funding, Education Minister John Snobelen has very clearly directed boards not to bump up their levies.

The board has also been told unofficially to expect the same level of provincial funding this year as it received in 1996.

That means Haliburton trustees will have to trim the board's preliminary budget of $17.32-million by about $88,000, or half a per cent, to bring it down to last year's spending level of $17.23-million.

"Basically, we're on a holding pattern right now," said the board's business administrator, Jim Bradley.

Unlike last year, parents and students shouldn't see any dramatic changes because of board cost-cutting measures for the year ahead.

The preliminary budget indicates estimated spending based on existing demands and includes funding requests from each school for capital expenditures and maintenance.

Trustees will likely look to those funding requests to find the small savings they need to come up with a zero increase in their final budget.

But until it gets official word from the province that its transfer payments will be held at the same level, the board doesn't plan on making any cuts.

"We've only been told these things. We haven't received anything in writing. So we're going sit and wait right now until we see what our grant structure is and go from there," Bradley said.

Since this is the last time trustees will have control over how money is spent on education in Haliburton County, this is "probably our most important budget," said chairwoman Cheryl Murdoch.

Before the board is dismantled, she said it's important that trustees do all they can with the resources they have to put the school system in the best position possible before it is merged with the boards of Muskoka and Victoria County.

But Dysart trustee Len Salvatori noted the board has little room to make any significant changes.

"This year we can't really commit to anything. We can't go above zero (per cent expenditure increase)," he said. "...

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The C word:

County council reacts angrily to Snowdon's threat to call in the Commissioner

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Snowdon Reeve George Simmons was strongly chastized by fellow county councillors for suggesting that his municipality may call in a provincial commissioner to overall the local political structure.

"It's too premature to talk about bringing anyone in," said Warden Murray Fearrey. The county and its 10 municipalities have started a process of re-organizing themselves from within, and Simmons hasn't given this process a chance to succeed, he said.

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HOLD ON: There were screams and laughter as family enjoyed all the winter fun at Camp Wanakita on Sunday. Tobogganing down Cardiac Hill was as popular as ever.

Barber report gets good marks from county council

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County councillors gave their unanimous approval to adopt David Barber's draft report on spending efficiencies.

Municipal councils still have two weeks to comment on the report before it's accepted in its final form, but the general reaction at Wednesday's county council meeting was positive. There are questions about some of those figures, but consultant David Barber will resolve many of the problems in his final report due after the March 3 deadline for comments.

Warden Murray Fearrey was the most outspoken defender of the report, which sets benchmarks for per household spending on various municipal services in the county.

"This is an action plan (and I want county council) to accept it in principle and seriously look at making it work," he said in what was at times an angry response to criticism of the report. "The numbers may never be perfect but they indicate trends to work towards. Let's put personalities aside and get this resolved."

Fearrey also made a dig at municipal employees, primarily roads superintendents, who have disagreed with some of Barber's figures and calculations. "I don't think staff has the will (to implement) this, but they must work with the councils" and councils must take a leadership role.

The Barber report compares spending levels in each municipality and calculates a per household cost of services. Barber sets a spending level slightly higher than the lowest cost for each service as benchmarks for municipalities to strive towards.

In the current edition of Municipal World magazine, there's a three-page article on amalgamation. The author says amalgamation has never saved money and had favourable comments about using benchmarks.

Addressing council on Wednesday, Barber said many other counties have expressed interest in his study and asked for copies of the report, leading Cardiff Deputy-reeve Doug Holman to joke that if Barber gets more business because of

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Tragedy strikes close to home:

Couple featured in Cottage Life article involved in fatal crash

The Echo would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the staff at Cottage Life magazine. When people read the latest edition, they will be delighted with a feature about Ellen Tofflemire and Kevin Hewitt who met on a Cottage Life assignment, fell in love and built a cottage on Wanamaker Lake near Bancroft. On Sunday night, when they were driving home to Toronto on Hwy. 503 from the cottage, their car left the roadway, struck a hydro pole and rolled over in the ditch. Dysart firefighters used the Jaws of Life to extricate them and they were both transferred to Toronto hospitals. Tofflemire, who was driving the car and who took the artful photos for the magazine article, died later of severe head injuries. Hewitt is still in a Toronto hospital with major but non-life-threatening injuries. Reading of this couple's happiness makes the accident even more tragic and we're sure that everyone who knew them is feeling a great loss. Every traffic death is tragic but knowing the people involved, even through the pages of a magazine, brings home how fragile life is, as the Echo itself learned in November when one of our former reporters, Linda Shutt, died in a car accident.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

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The Family Allergies Information and Support Network invites new members to join. Those who suffer the problem of food allergies and adverse reactions can share information, case histories, symptoms, methods of coping, recipes, ideas, sources and resources. Membership is $8 a year, which includes at least four newsletters. Other benefits, such as cookbooks and localized workshops, are being planned for the future. Send a cheque or money order payable to FAIS Network, 29 Lakeview Cres., R.R. 2 Penetanguishine, Ont., L9M 1R2.

Cancer treatment services at St. Joseph's in danger of being reduced because of funding

Oncology Services currently located at St. Joseph's Health Centre are in danger of being scaled down due to impending funding cuts, increased drug costs, and an ever increasing demand for additional services.

The Oncology Clinic opened at St. Joseph's in October of 1994 and in the first six months saw more than 1429 cases. The Health Centre was funded for that level of activity. However, for the first 10 months of this year (April 1, 1996 to January, 1997) more than 4765 cases were seen. There has been no funding increase to cover these additional cases.

The cost of drugs, and staffing support associated with the increased number of cases must now be looked at in light of the most recent funding cuts. Consideration is being made to perhaps cap the number of cases seen and the number of chemotherapy treatments given to patients. This would mean some patients, including those from Haliburton County, would have to travel to other centres like Kingston or Toronto for treatment and the length of time they would have to wait for such treatment would increase.

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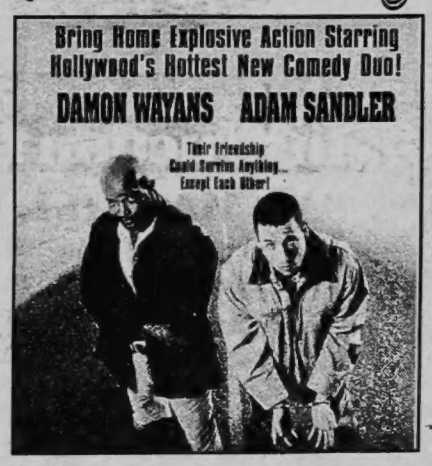

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Haliburton campus poised to become Sir Sandford's hub of arts programming

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The role of the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College may be expanded in the wake of the current restructuring review, the college's president told county councillors on Wednesday.

"There will be an action plan for growth," said Dr. Brian Desbiens, and that growth may translate into a 20% increase in the number of courses offered. In these days of 20% cuts in funding, that growth would be "more significant than at any other campus....

"I call on Haliburton county council to help us grow."

Responding quickly to that remark, Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon suggested the college set up a satellite campus on Hwy. 35 in Minden to take advantage of existing fibre optic cables which will link the college to the other type of highway – computer networking. She said it's not clear whether Bell Canada has installed fibre optics in Haliburton village, and made her offer as a way of avoiding expensive installment charges.

Although Dr. Desbiens did not spell out where there would be growth, his remarks indicate it would be in arts programming. The college's School of Fine Arts is already "the clear jewel in our crown", attracting almost 3,000 students a year. "It's been extremely successful, responded to the community and serves the province as an arts campus."

He wants to build on that and says SSFC as a whole is looking at consolidating all arts programming at one site as a way of establishing an even more significant arts centre for the province.

The only drawback, he added, is the campus facility itself. Right now, programs are offered out of "a fairly old facility" at the main Haliburton campus, plus rented accommodation and HHSS and JDHES schools in the summer for the School of Fine Arts. This "making do" is both a strength and a weakness. It has made the local campus very adept at adapting, but it is not an efficient way of offering programming.

As arts programming increases, there's been a decrease in continuing education programs. Demand has levelled off and contract training through the federal government has "dried up." Now the college "is going directly to employers to help ensure the workforce has the skills it needs to be competitive."

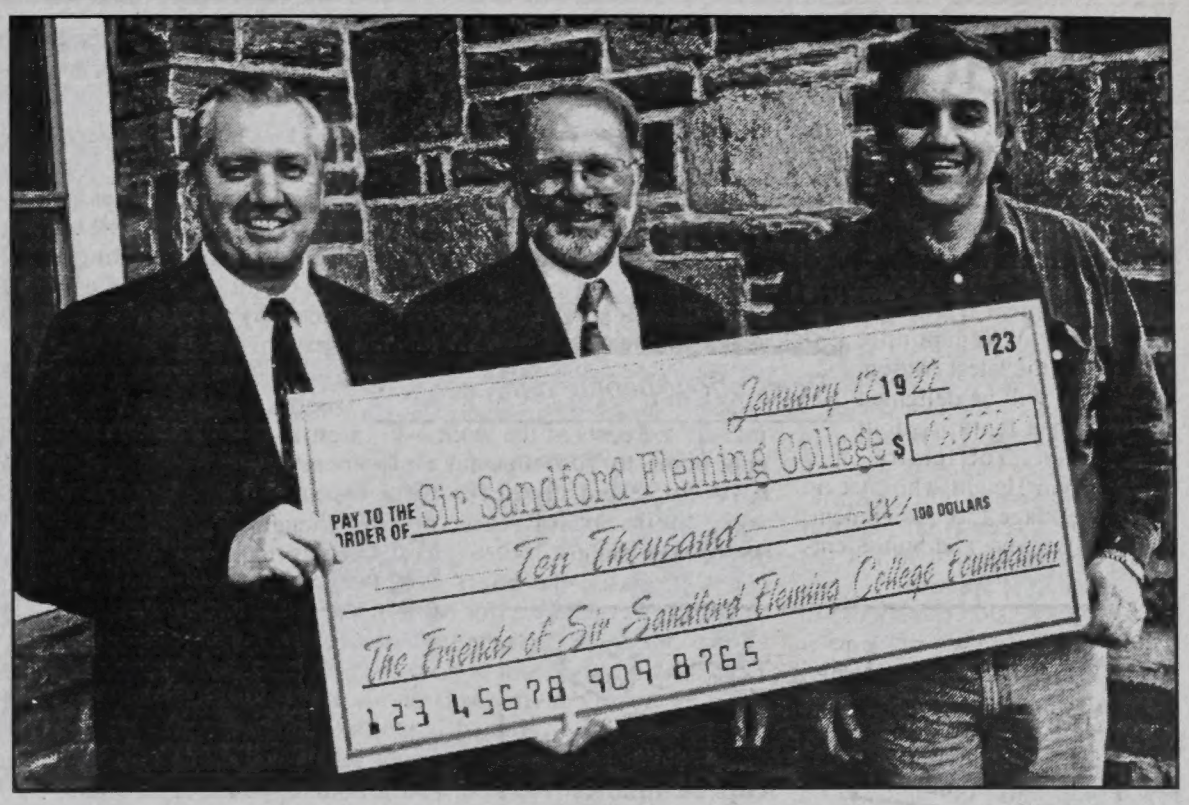
For the first time, it's also going to the public to help it raise funds for its bursary programs and innovative Learning Resource Centre, which will rely on advanced computer technology rather than bricks and mortar as a way of increasing programming and services to students at all campuses – and even those who want to learn at home via a modem.

Previously, college's weren't allowed to raise money, so SSFC is new at the game. Dr. Desbiens was delighted when Warden Murray Fearrey suggested all municipalities include a fax sheet about the college, its programs and its fundraising efforts in their next tax bills.

"All of us who have watched the college grow know its impact on Haliburton County and we're grateful to have it here," Fearrey said.

Dr. Desbiens said the college spends $1.5-million at the Haliburton campus, which is estimated to have a $10-million impact on the local economy. The challenge is "how to expand with limited resources and facilities."

But overall, with his characteristic optimism, Dr. Desbiens told council, "we believe our campus in Haliburton is very successful and will be in the future."



THIS IS WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR: Two local members of the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College, Don Popple and Dennis Casey. present college president Brian Desbiens, centre, with a cheque for $10,000. The money, which has been raised locally since 1995, will primarily be directed to the college's bursary program to help students afford post-secondary education.

New personal finance course introduces practical uses of math

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

As teens try to plod through complex problems in calculus or algebra using alien formulas they haven't confronted before, it's never long before someone in the classroom voices that ageless refrain: "Why are we doing this? When are we ever going to have to use this?"

Those are two questions Murray Kuntz, a business and math teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, wants to silence with a new course he's developing.

In September, Kuntz will begin teaching Grade 12 advanced students "real life" math skills they can use for personal financial planning, such as making investments, buying RRSPs or mutual funds, filling out an income tax return, buying a car or writing a will.

"This is going to be a practical course that gives students some of the math skills that are ignored in traditional courses," said Kuntz.

While the course, to be called Personal Business Finance, will require students to use traditional math concepts, it will allow them to apply what their learn directly to their own lives in measurable ways.

For many high school students, budgets are a foreign concept — often they spend what they earn at part-time jobs as fast as their pay cheques come in.

But Kuntz says his course will teach them the importance of organizing their finances, especially as most of them prepare to live on their own for the first time to attend university or college.

"At this point most students don't have a lot of money to be budgeting, but at least if it's instilled in them it will help them later on," Kuntz says.

Students will also learn how to navigate the stock market by managing simulated stock portfolios throughout the term. They'll study various forms of insurance and mortgages for buying homes. They'll look at the benefits and drawbacks of using credit over cash. And they'll learn how to make sure they're financially stable in their retirement years by putting money into RRSPs and mutual funds from an early age.

"If you start investing $100 a month in your early twenties, by the time you're in your sixties and retiring, you're going to be millionaire with the compound interest," Kuntz says. "The sooner they start investing, the better."

Kuntz isn't aware of another high school offering a course similar to the one he's planning,

Because the Ministry of Education doesn't offer financial planning course materials, Kuntz will put the curriculum together using a variety of resources.

Students will use the best-selling financial planning book The Wealthy Barber, as well as annual reports, math and business texts, newspapers, the Internet and other course materials.

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Province puts cap on how much board can spend

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We're just kind of minding the house while the province get its house in order."

The provincial government has begun to assemble an Education Improvement Commission to put its school board reduction plan into action and oversee education reforms.

It's expected legislation to give the commission power will become law some time in April.

Once trustees finalize their budget they'll need to get the EIC's stamp of approval.

The commission can choose to amend the budget or send it back to be modified, if it disagrees with a spending decision.

And under the proposed legislation, all EIC rulings would be final with no opportunity to be reviewed or questioned by a court.

The board will have to get the EIC's go ahead to nearly drain its reserve funds to replace 13 aging classroom ceilings at the high school this summer and make the building wheelchair accessible.

Bradley said he did not include the costs of the work — approximately $120,000 for the ceilings and $33,000 for the wheelchair access — in this year's draft budget.

Traditionally, the board has used its reserves to pay for capital expenditure projects, he said.

By the time the work is complete, the board's reserve will be reduced to only $90,000.

Bradley said he is expecting the EIC to allow the board to use its reserves for the repairs since it is consistent with its past businesses practices.

In some cases trustees will have to make spending decisions on programs that could be affected by next January's amalgamation.

Board director Brad Saunders gave the example of one elementary school's request to spend $2,700 on new musical instruments.

Though the school may legitimately require the instruments, the boards in Muskoka and Victoria don't even offer music in elementary grades.

That leaves trustees to decide whether they should spend $2,700 on a program that may end up being discontinued or hold off on the expenditure.

The draft budget takes into account that board employee groups which took a one-year, 2.2 per cent wage rollback will see their salaries returned to their previous levels at the end of August, subject to negotiations.

Elementary school teachers and board office staff took the voluntary pay cut, while high school teachers and CUPE employees, representing custodians, secretaries and educational assistants, rejected the salary decrease.

Similarly, the board is budgeting for the expiry of a one-year, 2.2 per cent rollback in its transportation contracts.

Glamorgan trustee Craig Pettit has asked Bradley to find out the costs offering door-to-door bus service through the winter months, from the beginning of December until the end of March.

He wants trustees to consider changing its busing policy to require students to walk two kilometres to pick-up points only during the fall and spring months.

In stark contrast to last year's budget process when large numbers of taxpayers and parents attended meetings, few people seemed to take any interest in the board's draft budget.

Only one taxpayer, Bill Elliott, and Chris Lynd, president of the Haliburton Women Teachers' Federation, showed up at last week's meeting.

As well, only eight of the board's 15 trustees turned out to get a first look at the budget.

Elliott maintained the board may be making a mistake by expanding its plan to renovate the high school to include a $450,000 theatre.

The EIC is being set up to prevent exactly that kind of spending decision, he said.

LEARNING CENTRE DRAW: The Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre is holding a raffle to help raise operating revenue. The three prizes up for grabs include (from left) a silk painting by artist Mary Wallace, a quilt made by Jane Selbie and local author R.D. Lawrence's book "Trail of the Wolf," shown by Learning Centre administrator Barb Nangle.

Service clubs asked to help kids groups

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

School board trustees don't want to wipe out charges for using the board's schools after hours, but they're hoping service clubs will help cash-strapped youth groups.

Parent Lynn Higgs Thompson told trustees at the board's budget meeting last month that most youth groups simply can't afford to pay school user fees, which leaves them with no venue for their activity.

Nearly all of the youth groups that formerly used the schools have been forced to cease because they can't afford the hourly rates.

Depending on the facilities they are using, youth groups are charged between $10 and $30 an hour, plus the expense of a custodian.

Thompson asked the board to give youth groups free use of school space after hours, as long as their activity is somehow related to educational curriculum.

But instead, trustees on the board's management committee proposed that youth group organizers try to find service clubs to sponsor their activity.

Minden trustee Bryan Kernohan suggested the board could offer its facilities to community groups free of charge, if service clubs were interested in sponsoring one night per week.

But business administrator Jim Bradley said it may be better if the youth groups could arrange the sponsorship directly with the service clubs and the board could arrange a suitable charge with the clubs.

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County chastizes Snowdon over Commissioner threat

FROM page 1

Simmons believes the Barber report on spending efficiency will do nothing to prepare Haliburton County for the stresses of provincial downloading. He also believes there is little will among local politicians to bring about the major structural changes he believes are necessary to prepare the county for a future of reduced provincial funding and increased responsibility.

"A lot of municipalities think they can survive by themselves," said Simmons, an advocate of one-tier (county-only) government. He pointed to rising costs in Snowdon, such as $34,000 in agreements with neighbouring municipalities for fire coverage, as evidence small municipalities will not be able to survive.

Fearrey, who as reeve of Dysart et al is one of the neighbours Snowdon must negotiate with to provide fire services, reacted angrily. Dysart has capital investments of $600,000 in its fire department, plus an annual department budget of $81,000 and Fearrey said there was no way Snowdon could run a fire department for $34,000 a year. Nor has Snowdon asked to meet with Dysart about the fee.

"Because you think ($34,000) is a burden, you're going to call in the Commissioner and jeopardize all of us? I hope your council is going to think about it," Fearrey said. If the Commissioner, who "doesn't know a thing about us" and whose verdict is binding, recommends amalgamating Haliburton County with either Victoria or Peterborough County, "all the things people have worked for in tourism will go out the window."

But the harshest words came from Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon. "I think it's the most irresponsible political reaction that when you've got problems, you solve it on the back of an outside Commissioner, at a cost to taxpayers."

She argued Snowdon has not given local incentives a fair chance.

Fearrey recognizes local municipalities will have a tough time coping with the expected withdrawal of $4-million in provincial funding, plus the new financial responsibilities for such things as long-term health-care and policing, but argued the province recognizes this hardship and has set up an annual $1-billion fund which rural municipalities can tap into.

He told Simmons "you're precluding that we can get help, and I think we can. We have to trust (the fund) is what the government will do or we're out of business. I don't think we can say it's not going to work...

"Maybe you think there's no hope but I don't think we'll go under so easily."

As well, Fearrey said Dysart has asked three times to meet with Snowdon about possible amalgamation, and Snowdon couldn't make it. "It's only fair you give the process a chance."

"There are too many unknowns," argued Sherborne et al Reeve Ross Rabjohn against calling in the Commissioner. He said more information was needed before taking such a large step.

(Just because a Commissioner, who is a new agent of the provincial government, is asked to investigate a county's structure and make a ruling about changes, it doesn't mean a Commissioner will respond. It is up to the Commissioner's discretion to step in.)

HIGH FLYING: At YMCA Camp Wanakita's annual celebration of winter fun at Koshlong Lake on Sunday, Kory Roberts took a flying leap on Cardiac Hill – and lived to tell the tale.

Three candidates to vie for local Reform Party nomination in expectation of federal election being called in spring

On Friday, February 28, Reform Party members from the Victoria-Haliburton riding will be gathering at the Moose Lodge in Lindsay at 7:30 p.m. to select their candidate for the federal election that is anticipated this spring.

Three riding association members have filed their nomination papers for the chance to represent this riding and all paid-up members are eligible to take part in the selection process at that time. The nomination meeting is also open to non-members who are interested in meeting and hearing from the potential candidates as well as some discussion of the party's plans for the upcoming campaign.

The first individual to throw his hat in the ring was 49-year-old Pat Dunn of Lindsay who has served on the local riding association board and executive for the past several years. Pat is an OPP Sergeant and has been with the Lindsay detachment for 22 of the 28 years he has served on the force. He is married with two children and has been very active in the community.

Another long-time Lindsay resident, Dave Gowing, has also decided to seek the nomination after serving on the Victoria/Haliburton board for over a year. Dave is 39-years-old, a chartered financial planner and a chemical engineer and is married with three children.

John-Henry Westen, our third candidate lives at the north-east edge of the riding near Cardiff and works in Bancroft at Clarke College. He ran in the last provincial campaign for the Family Coalition Party in the Hastings/Peterborough riding, holds a BA and MA in psychology and teaches courses on Canadian government and social policy at the college. John-Henry is 26-years-old, married and has one child.

All of the candidates for the nomination will speak prior to the voting and will be available for questions. Nancy Branscombe, Regional Director for the Reform Party, and herself a candidate for the nomination in the Peterborough riding, is also scheduled to talk on national plans in the campaign.

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Maintenance standards under debate as county prepares to take over several highways

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEFS

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's meeting of county council.

The county is taking over control over all provincial highways that run through the county except Hwys. 121, 118 and 35. Traditionally, the county level of service is not as high as provincial. Should the transferred highways be maintained at the present provincial level or revert to the county level? How much will it cost to maintain provincial standards?

Roads superintendents will meet on March 11 and this will be one of the items on the agenda. Superintendents will be asked how much it will cost their municipality to maintain the former highways at both levels of service.

Budget process

All county departments have ended their fiscal year either slightly below budget or on budget, setting the stage for this year's rounds of budget talks. (The only budget which was in the red was the county office addition. Money has been borrowed to pay for the over-run.)

The county's finance committee will meet one more time before a public meeting on March 4 at the county chambers in Minden at 7 p.m.. At that time, councillors and any interested member of the public will hear presentations from each department head and will be allowed to comment or make suggestions.

The budget must be passed at the March 19 county council meeting.

Libraries

Cardiff is leading the way in helping the county library system cope with a 33% decrease in provincial funding. The eastern municipality has agreed to pay the wages of its branch librarian, which at this point, would work out to 75 cents a year per household. The branch will still rely on the county system to supply the books, but will now have more control over hours.

"If we're going to maintain our libraries, municipalities have to be prepared to support them," says Cardiff Deputy-reeve Doug Holman.

Fearrey said with the funding cuts, it's time to review whether it's feasible to have branches in most municipalities. If people live in a municpality and go to a neighbouring municipality to shop or work, it may be more practical to have them go to the library in that community, especially since hours in many municipalities are so limited. (Snowdon's branch is open one hour a week.) Fearrey said in the future it might be feasible to have only five or six branches. Meanwhile, he hopes there can be an expanded role for volunteers.

Fire Review

Now that the year-long process is almost at an end, the committee undertaking a review of fire services in the county has been told no provincial personnel are available to do the final stage – assessing what equipment would be required to introduce a unified communications system.

Rather than put the entire review at risk, county council agreed to spend up to $3,000 to hire a private consultant to do the final work. His cost is $400 a day plus expenses.

Once implemented, the changes are expected to save money and improve effectiveness, so committee chairman Gerald Rome said "we'd be wasting all the effort" if the review was stalled.

CCACs stalled

Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman, who is council's representative on the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, says he's not surprised the development of Community Care Access Centres has been put on hold by the province because of costs.

The health unit has argued that it is already efficiently providing the services to be taken over by CCACs – HomeCare and patient referral. It argued against the province transferring the services because it said it would cost more money.

The health unit also entered into lease and purchasing agreements based on offering the service, and would therefore be having to pay for empty office space and excess furniture and equipment.

As well, although the CCAC will include Haliburton County, no local representative has volunteered for the board.

A note of thanks

Everyone agreed with Jeanne Anthon's suggestion that the county write a letter to MPP Chris Hodgson to thank him for his efforts on his behalf. Over the past few weeks, Hodgson, who's also the Minister of Natural Resources, has been able to set up meetings between county representatives and members of cabinet, allowing Haliburton County to express its concerns and aspirations.

Deputy-reeves?

To clear up once and for all whether deputy-reeves should continue to be part of county council, Ross Rabjohn gave a notice of motion on the topic for the next meeting.

Municipalities with more than 2,500 ratepayers now send both their reeves and deputy-reeves to county council, which means Snowdon, Bicroft and Monmouth only send their reeves.

Snowdon reeve George Simmons has long argued deputies should not be on county council, and he was backed up by the David Barber report.

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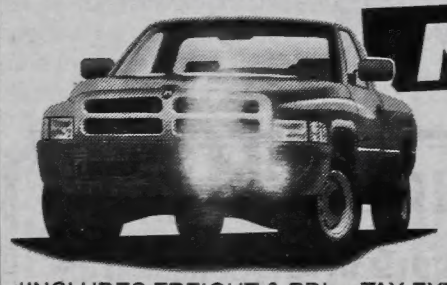

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Magic bewitches Highlands teens

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The fantasy card game Magic has cast its spell over the Highlands, bewitching mainly students who are lured by the power of role-play in a world inhabited by wizards, knights and unearthly creatures.

Wielding the ability to debilitate or destroy an opponent with a single flick of a card, the wizards who play Magic fight to the finish every game.

"It's a battle," says Magic fanatic Adam Bathe, a Grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "You do damage to other players and you take damage from them."

Bathe and Brian Doyle, a classmate and frequent combatant, are organizing the county's first Magic tournament this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school.

By last Wednesday already more than 35 players had signed up and organizers were expecting more registrants from the high school, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Magic: The Gathering was invented by a company on the American west coast in 1991, but didn't really begin catching on until about two years later.

While Magic mirrors a traditional card game in some instances — players hold seven cards in their hands and have to pick up and drop cards — that's where the resemblance ends.

In a fantasy world where every player is a wizard capable of casting potent spells and summoning literally hundreds of bizarre creatures to their aid, Magic offers rivals a new realm to challenge their powers of strategy.

And the game's growing popularity is sweeping into the Highlands.

"Almost half the kids at the high school play it now," says Doyle. "Every time you see someone in the hall they ask if you want to trade cards or sell a card."

The school's newspaper has even begun a column where players can swap cards.

Haliburton's Under Cover Books, which just recently began to stock Magic, can't get the game cards in fast enough to satisfy the demand.

"The interest is very high, to the point where students are coming in every day to see if we've got another shipment in yet," said store owner Nick O'Beirn.

The store's most recent shipment of cards sold out in just two days last week, helped in part by Bathe and Doyle, who bought $150 worth to offer as tournament prizes.

Magic's attraction doesn't lay solely in the excitement of the battle. The colourful, artistic cards themselves are growing in value to collectors.

A starter pack, including 60 cards and the rules to the game, costs between $10 and $13, while booster packs of five cards, enabling player's to expand their powers, are priced at about $3.

But some individual collector cards have skyrocketed in price and are worth hundreds of dollars.

"The most expensive card right now is worth about $450," says Doyle.

Unlike regular card games, Magic players use their own individual decks — or "libraries" — against each other.

While each player may hold a different arsenal of weapons — spells and creatures of varying strength levels which can zap an opponent's life points — victory is decided by strategy.

"Everyone's basically equal," says Doyle. "It just depends on how much thought you put into your deck."

Right now the majority of Magic players are young males in high school and university.

But Bathe and Doyle have also seen middle-aged parents and seniors playing at some of the area tournaments they've gone to.

Anyone interested in playing in this weekend's tournament at the high school can call Adam Bathe at 286-2950 or Brian Doyle at 286-4285.

THE CARDS TO HAVE: High school students Brian Doyle and Adam Bathe are so enthusiastic about this new card game, they've organized Magic: The Gathering this weekend.

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Crosswalk may be put in front of high school

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

DYSART COUNCIL BRIEFS

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Dysart et al council's meeting on February 17.

Students may soon be able to use a crosswalk to help them safely cross Hwy. 121 by the train to get to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and the high school.

In the wake of the school board's decision requiring students to walk up to two kilometres to school or to bus pick-up points, the school council at JDHES has asked Dysart to provide a crosswalk at the popular crossing location.

Municipalities, not school boards, are responsible for crosswalks, under the Municipal Act.

Dysart has written the Ministry of Transportation to conduct a study determining whether traffic in the area warrants a crosswalk.

Wood operation

A West Guilford couple can continue to run a firewood cutting operation on their land, as long as it is set back 60 metres from their property lines, says the municipality's lawyer.

In the fall, neighbouring property owners complained about Lawrence and Margaret Nesbitt's wood-cutting business in front of their Kennisis Lake Rd. home.

They argued the operation is noisy, unsightly and negatively affects the value of their own homes.

But Dysart's lawyer has advised the municipality that forestry is an accepted use in a rural residential zone, provided there is an appropriate buffer zone, said chief building official Don van Nood.

Currently, the Nesbitts' wood cutting operation is not meeting the 60-metre setbacks recommended by the solicitor, van Nood told council.

He said he could address the situation with the Nesbitts to ensure they comply with the buffer zone requirement.

Guild grant

Council approved $15,000 in operational funding for the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, the same amount it received last year.

Guild president Virginia Muenzel told councillors the Guild's board of directors has made difficult decisions over bringing in cost-cutting decisions to absorb provincial funding cutbacks and shrinking fundraising dollars.

Staff at the Rails' End Gallery were laid off for January, February and part of March. As well, the curator's position was scaled down to part-time status, saving about $8,000.

At the same time as it tries to cut costs, the Guild is trying to generate greater revenue.

Muenzel said the Guild expects profits from its Summer Sale to double this year as a result of "a lot of hard work and new ideas."

As well, a committee is looking at improving some of the Guild's traditional fundraisers to make them more successful and come up with some new ideas to bring in funds.

Muenzel said the Guild is trying hard to run an efficient, viable organization, as well as an attractive gallery that draws thousands of visitors per year.

"Our journey down this road has not been without stumbling blocks and setbacks," she said. "But the fellowship of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of fine Arts is strong. And we care very deeply about the preservation of the arts in this community."

Municipal wharfs

Councillors voted to take over four wharfs from the federal government, which no longer wants to maintain them.

The government docks at Head Lake, Drag Lake, Miskwabi Lake and Redstone Lake will now be the responsibility of Dysart for at least the next five years.

After a five-year period, the municipality has the option to try to sell the wharfs, if it finds them too costly to maintain.

Ward 4 councillor Leon Jones suggested the municipality disconnect the floating docks at Head Lake, but leave them in the water to prevent damage during their removal in the fall.

But Ward 5 councillor Dan Kay cautioned that the municipality may open itself up to liability of it leaves the docks in the water and a snowmobiler hits them in the winter and is injured or killed.

Councillors directed clerk-treasurer Donna McCallum to check with the municipality's lawyer about the liability issue.

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County rejects local firm's bid for audit contract

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With a local accounting firm bidding against the county's current auditors for this year's contract, county council voted 9-6 to stay with its present firm, which is based in Peterborough.

The local firm, Dawson Gray Accountants, made a bid of $15,000 while Humpage, Taylor, McDonald Chartered Accountants bid $15,900 for what's been changed to an one-year contract instead of three.

In his presentation to county council on Wednesday, accountant Hugh Nichol said his Haliburton firm employs six people full time with an annual spending of $180,000 in salaries. The firm's two partners – Nichol, since 1992, and David Gray – are very involved with community activities and are "committed to building a strong community where families and businesses can flourish."

The audit would be done by Nichol, who was born in Haliburton, got a business degree and spent four years articling for a large firm in Ottawa, where he got exposure to the workings of regional government. He returned to Haliburton in 1984, and has been Rotary president and is currently the chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board. At work, he helps clients from a broad spectrum of community life, from businesses to retired pensioners. He does the audit for Dysart et al and Glamorgan.

"I feel we bring a lot to the table in experience," he said, adding that "I expect where possible for your staff to do as much as possible, which keeps costs down and gives your staff a better sense of your own numbers. It's to your benefit to do as much as you can in-house."

After following the actions of the county over the past few years, Nichol said "I'm convinced you're heading in the right direction."

In considering hiring Dawson Gray as the county's auditors, Nichol said it's important to keep goods and services in the county as a way of helping to ensure the area's economic health. "I'm committed to seeing this region do well."

Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates said she could speak in support of Dawson Gray's service.

Dawson Gray was the county's auditor up until three years ago, when its quote was almost twice as high as Humpage Taylor's, which does the audit for most local municipalities.

Speaking on behalf of the Peterborough firm, partner Gillian Mitchell said they specialize in municipal governments (57 in the region) and not-for-profit groups. They've considered opening an office in the Highlands but do not think the area could financially sustain an office here, especially after former employees Terry Noble, who was the county's clerk-treasurer when Humpage Taylor first won the county contract, and Gerald Morrison left the area.

"Now that the fees (of Dawson Gray) are similar, our track record speaks for itself," Mitchell says. The firm has worked with staff to build strengths, designed working systems which incorporate new technology and software programs and has "reacted on a timely basis to your needs."

In conclusion, referring to their large number of municipal clients, she said "we're a lighthouse of education for many municipalities bobbing in the wake of provincial changes."

County council went into committee of the whole to debate which firm was hired, and made no comments before the vote, which was a show of hands.

Voting in favour of Dawson Gray were: Glamorgan's reeve and deputy-reeve, Bates and Bill Challis; Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis; Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe; and Cardiff's reeve and deputy-reeve, Tom Elliott and Doug Holman.

Voting against the local firm and in favour of the existing auditors were: Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve and deputy-reeve, Jeanne Anthon and Gerald Rome; Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman; Snowdon Reeve George Simmons; Stanhope Deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison (Reeve Jock Mavor was not present); Sherborne et al reeve and deputy-reeve Ross Rabjohn and Bob Canning; and Lutterworth's reeve and deputy-reeve, Jim McMahon and Lisa Mercer.

FAREWELL: Stanhope deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison presented long-time council-watcher Bev Sparks with a certificate recognizing him for faithfully attending council meetings as a member of the audience over the years. Mr. Sparks is moving to the Greater Toronto Area, but promised to visit council when back in Stanhope.

County praised for its initiative with Barber report

FROM page1

Haliburton's initiative, the county should get a finder's fee.

"Municipalities across the province are looking with tremendous interest at what you're doing," Barber said. "Everyone else is mired in discussions about boundaries and turf. You've given a lot of hope to municipalities who think the only thing is to go out of business by amalgamating."

A recent editorial in the Bancroft Times also praises Haliburton County for showing fiscal responsibility by undertaking the study.

"This has given us a chance to look at ourselves, in depth, and gives a very important message," said Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe. "We're pretty good and I'm damn proud of this county. It's time to implement some of this stuff – it won't take a monumental effort. Let's put politics aside."

Fearrey says the media has overlooked an important page in the Barber Report. It compares spending per household in Haliburton County and other areas without large urban centres. The county's cost is the lowest in the report at $1,114. The next lowest is Prince Edward County at $1,829 per household. Others include Dufferin at $3,091 and the highest, Prescott Russell at $3,120.

"We've done some pretty good work," Fearrey said, adding the numbers show that when it comes to making cuts, the county doesn't have a lot of room in which to manoeuvre.

Instead of having everyone go off in different directions, the warden wants the county to pull together and work towards improving things in the long run. "If we do nothing, we won't be ready for the future."

There was unanimous agreement to accept the draft report and individual councils will continue discussions about its figures and comment to the county by the March 3 deadline.

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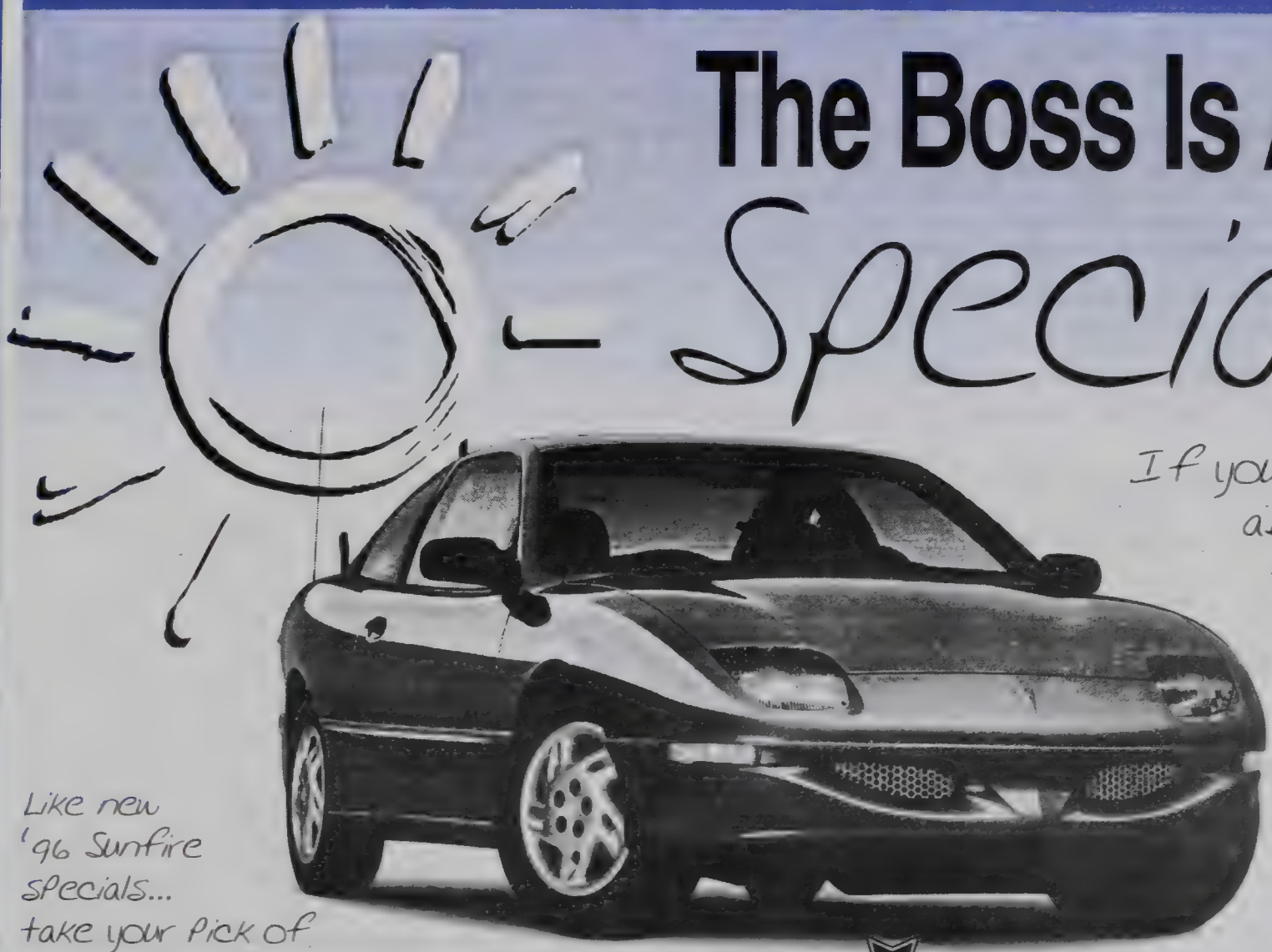

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Editorial

The omnipresent "Commissioner"

WITH ITS CAPITAL C and imposing length, the word "Commissioner" sounds like something out of the Star Trek saga. When you say it, it conjures up an image of military authority; someone as big and heavy as all those weighty letters.

In modern-day Ontario, the Commissioner is perhaps more benign, but still just as authoritarian. The Commissioner, who is an offspring of the provincial government's new Municipal Act, is the final arbitrator whose word is law. Once a Commissioner rules, no court of law can overturn his or her decision. The Commissioner is untouchable.

To everyone's great relief, at least the Commissioner is polite. He (excuse the sexism) will not visit a jurisdiction unless he is invited. He cannot impose his rule willy-nilly across the province unless someone asks him to.

Frustrated with the slow pace of change, some Snowdon councillors want to extend an invitation to Haliburton County. These councillors, led by Reeve George Simmons, have long favoured abandoning the 10 local municipalities and switching to a one-tier, or county, government. They say this is the only way local governments will be able to cope with the double whammy of decreased (to the point of elimination) provincial funding and increased responsibility.

Editorially, The Echo has also argued in favour of one-tier government, and still favours it over the present system, which has 55 councillors, at a cost of $390,000 a year, governing 14,000 permanent residents and 50,000 seasonal residents. But, at least at this present point, The Echo is not going to join Snowdon's cry to "bring in the Commissioner."

Snowdon believes that when a Commissioner arrives and looks at the situation, the Commissioner is going to agree that one-tier government is the way to go. But what if the Commissioner comes in and recommends something vastly different, something of the magnitude of amalgamating all the cities in the Greater Toronto Area into one, big Mega City? Such a move, which seemed unfathomable only a year ago, is now putting the fear of the almighty provincial government into the hearts of many city dwellers. What if the outcome in Haliburton County is equally undesirable among residents?

There is one major, insurmountable problem of calling in the Commissioner. Once he or she makes a decision, no one has any recourse to challenge it. His word is literally law, and since local governments are the creation of the province, and the Commissioner is an agent of the province, local governments are almost powerless if they're not happy with the results.

A Commissioner would be far more welcome if there was some recourse to debating his or her ruling. It is not democratic to have one person – a person appointed by the province, likely with the expectation of fulfilling the province's goals – deciding the fate of all 10 municipalities in Haliburton County. And it is unlikely that when Snowdon councillors were elected almost three years ago, the people were voting in favour of what could be the dismantling of our present local government system. Other municipalities and other voters have a right to be distraught at the thought of putting so much power in the hands of one municipality.

It is one thing for Snowdon to be an outcast, quite another for it to be a pariah. If it does call in the Commissioner, animosity from other municipalities would be intense, and Snowdon residents might not appreciate being the source of so much anger and bitterness.

Unfortunately, if the only alternative is calling in one person who would have binding control over the fate of Haliburton County, The Echo must also advocate allowing the county to continue along its present path. Despite all the arguments to the contrary at Wednesday's county council meeting, it still seems inconceivable that the Barber Report, which is so lacking in concrete suggestions for reform, can be the "blueprint of change" for the county. But at least the blueprint will be made in Haliburton County. Let's just hope the structure it designs doesn't crumble under the force of provincial changes. **M.P.**

Running into Two Island Lake by Len Pizzey

Letters to the Editor

Provincial governments to blame for education tax hikes

To the Editor:

Last week's editorial blamed our local trustees unfairly for the substantial increase in education taxes in the last few years. In fact, the blame rests with the NDP and Tory provincial governments.

In 1991, the total budget of the Haliburton County Board of Education was roughly $15.1 million, and the 1996 budget was $17.2 million. This represents an increase of 14% over five years, or 2.8% per year on average. As far as I know, employees of the board have not had a pay raise in those five years. The increased costs are due to having 250 more students in 1996 than in 1995 (an 11% increase); inflation in costs such as textbooks, building maintenance,, and bussing; and more importantly, to new programs and initiatives mandated by the province.

In 1991, Haliburton County taxpayers contributed $10.7 million of the board's revenues, and in 1996 the municipal portion was $15.4 million. The increase of 44% is indeed high, and much higher than the increase in the board's spending.

Where has our money gone? To replace money withdrawn by the province. In 1991, the province provided $4.5-million for our schools. In 1996, the province provided only $1.8-million. In 1991, the provincial grants formed 28.8% of the board's budget. If they still funded our system at that level, taxpayers in our county would be paying the same education taxes they did in 1993.

In fact, from 1995 to 1996 the board budget decreased by $60,000 but the municipal portion increased by $707,000 because of the lost provincial grants.

In summary: There are 11% more students in the county's schools. Inflation from 1991 to 1996 totals approximately 11%. Provincial funding has decreased 40% over five years. Therefore, municipal taxes have risen only 44%.

The blame lies not with the local trustees, who are doing the best they can under increasingly difficult circumstances, but with the provincial government. Under the proposed amalgamation, education taxes will be taken off the property tax, and the province will be completely responsible for education funding. If they decrease funding in the next five years to the same extent that they have in the last five, our students will be in trouble!

Jennifer Paton,
R.R 2, Haliburton

P.S. Our trustees voted themselves a 10% pay cut last year and certainly cannot be accused of extravagance: if anything, I believe they have hurt our education system by trying so hard to hold the line on spending.

Multi-nationals can't defer paying taxes indefinitely

To the Editor:

In a letter in the February 4 Echo, H. Michael Collins of Gooderham referred to the large multi-nationals who owe "some $46-uncollected-billion in deferred taxes that are seldom, if ever, paid."

Now as a former 30-year employee in a law-enforcement arm of the federal government, I never once witnessed individuals or corporations deferring their taxes being able to defer them indefinitely. Individual RRSPs are deferred tax as are options to defer taxes on salaries. Similarly tax incentives are in place for businesses. If an individual or corporation tries to avoid paying taxes on deferred income, Revenue Canada would definitely be at the door in short order because of the distinct audit trail from the day the money was deferred. Furthermore, without a legal decision in your favour, big or small, you pay. Count on it!

Mr. Collins also stated that "over 6,000 profitable businesses,

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These songs are made for singing

ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED musicand it has figured prominently in my life. Although I cannot claim a wonderful voice, I do enjoy singing and can recall words from many songs, old and new. For me, nothing can trigger a memory like a song.

I was recently saw one of those little yellow plastic doodads that used to go in the center of a 45. Quick as a wink, I was transported back in time to 1966 and I was buying my very first 45. I was living in Toronto, so I couldn't have been more than 5. I had been given some birthday money from my Aunt Yolande and I had decided I just couldn't live without the number one hit by Nancy Sinatra, "These Boots are Made for Walking".

I proudly walked up to the counter with my money in my mitten, my sister coaching me from the sidelines. I asked the man at the store for the record. Back then, you had to request at the counter and the clerk would retrieve the hit from its slot in the Top 30 Box. I can still remember the crackle of the crisp white paper envelope and the royal blue label with silver writing. I couldn't read but I rubbed my stubby fingers over the letters knowing my beloved Nancy was forever mine. My sister squealed when she discovered that the flip side was "Last of the Secret Agents". We were in heaven.

I quickly paid and we raced out of the store our feet flying down the street so we could get home. We practically tripped up the stairs and into my sisters' room where we found the portable record player. It was silver grey, with two speakers that swung open on hinges and could be detached from the unit and moved around for better sound (Ha ha). The turntable itself folded open like a Murphy bed out of a wall. With shaking hands, we took the shiny black disc from the brown bag. Maureen took one of the little yellow plastic doodads and with the skill of a professional DJ, clicked it in its place in the center of the record. She gently placed it on the record player, clamped the arm down, as of this little machine were amazing. The turntable started to turn, the record clicked and fell down from the arm holding it in place and the needle swung over to rest at the edge of the record.

We waited breathlessly for the first strains of Nancy's boots to stomp and watched in horror as the needle skated across the entire record faster than Elvis Stojko. I was crushed but not for long as Maureen grabbed a nickel and a penny and skillfully taped them onto the head of the needle. She'd done this before. We tried again and this time, perfection. We did "The Pony" and "The Frug" over and over, and when Miss Sinatra sang out "Boots - START WALKING", we were belting it out right along with her. That whole memory, just from a plastic doodad.

I still love music and listen to it all the time. I bet, if pressed, I could still put my hands on my first 45. Music has that ability to evoke memories of every emotion from teen angst to tranquility to sheer joy for the beauty of a piece. Lyrics can remain entrenched in our minds for many years, bringing back the exact time and place we heard the song and how we were feeling at the time.

I am sure many musical memories will be made this week at the Haliburton Music Festival at the Legion. This will be such a wonderful opportunity for young and old to experience music performed just for the joy of it. And I'm sure that whenever the performers hear the pieces played from now on, they will remember them from their first music festival in Haliburton and think of them with a smile. Thanks to all who have put so much into bringing this festival to life and I encourage everyone to get out and experience the music at the Legion. I know my boots will be walking there.

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Business giants pay their share

FROM page 12

including such giants as Imperial Oil, paid no taxes at all."

When I retired from government I went to work for Imperial Oil and I know federal, provincial and excise taxes were paid promptly each and every year. As a matter of fact, the exact figures Imperial Oil paid in the 1995 taxation year to the federal and provincial governments amounted to $409-million, while the excise tax paid, now get this, amounted to $1.120-billion. Imperial Oil is paying its taxes and it is beyond my comprehension to know how the other 5,999 profitable giants are getting away without paying theirs.

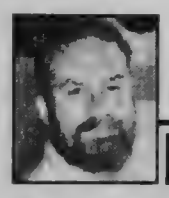
I'm all in favour of helping the have-nots becomes haves but I don't think we can help by blaming the "theys" of this world for the mistakes that surround us. Perhaps we should be looking to ourselves to improve conditions, especially when we are more intimate with and knowledgeable of our own shortcomings than we are with those of the "theys". I have always found that blaming the "theys" is the easy way out.

J. Bruce James,
Haliburton

Pic of the Past

Most readers who grew up in this area will remember the late Dr. Harry Bishop, a local dentist, and his family, who posed for this picture around 1947 at their home on Riverside Drive in Haliburton. From left to right are Dr. Bishop, his daughter Wendy (Oster), son Curry, wife Viola, and daughter Patricia (Irwin). Dr. Bishop, a Major in the army during the Second World War, had the house built during his time away and moved his family from Niagara Falls after the war ended. His grandson, John Irwin, now owns the home. Our thanks to Dr. Bishop's granddaughter, Deb Deremo, for submitting the photo.

Microfinancing a great idea



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

It's hard not to get skeptical as, every now and again, another Great Idea makes its appearance in the newspapers, over the airwaves, and on the Internet. Is it just a fad, or is it a trend - something to keep your eye on - and if the latter, good or bad? Too often, Great Ideas are speedbumps on the highway of life, or worse, dead ends, washed out bridges that bring disappointment and loss into our lives.

The microfinance movement has now become a trendy, if not faddish, topic of conversation among the movers and shakers of the financial world. A summit was held in Washington D.C. a few weeks ago and millions of dollars are about to be put aside for future investment in this area. Originally a grassroots movement, microfinance involves loaning very modest sums of money, often under $100, to third world citizenry who then invest in assets - a used sewing machine, an extra mule for the farm - which will generate income and improve their lives. Loans are invariably repaid, with interest: the borrowers are often women. If managed properly, microloans have significant long-term benefits, building feelings of trustworthiness, responsibility and solidarity, elevating the status of women, and enhancing a community's capacity to solve its own problems.

The principles behind the whole microfinance movement, although universally applicable, can be used effectively only if there is a shared belief in the integrity, innate capacities and commitment of the poor to work hard, take responsibility for their own lives, and to repay credit rather than depend on charity. The proper institutions must also be created, often from scratch, to connect lenders and borrowers. How may times have Canadians been turned down for loans by our banks, or charged exorbitant interest rates, because the amounts involved were thought to be too small to be worth the effort? How many times have loans not been repaid because banks have been perceived by borrowers as an intrusive, foreign element, sucking money out of the community in order to pay shareholder dividends and Bay Street executive bonuses?

Now that it has the attention of the financiers, the microfinance movement risks being hijacked, stripped of its positive elements, and reduced to just another good avenue of investment, an innovative way to squeeze profits out of the poverty-stricken. Which would be a tragedy, because this is one Great Idea that really has the potential to change lives and enrich communities, both abroad and in Canada. A great start here at home would be the creation of a local financial institution - a credit union - that could balance the needs of customers, shareholders, lenders and borrowers alike, and start the community building process in earnest. How about it, Haliburton?

Patient care great at hospital

To the Editor:

Re: Haliburton Hospital. I just returned home after a wild ambulance ride on, what was called, the worst night to date, then spent time in Haliburton Hospital.

At my age, turned 80, it was a serious learning experience.

At Haliburton Hospital, I had excellent nurses who gave every care and consideration, always, despite being short-staffed.

The food was tasty, daily variety, quite sufficient, and hot.

Sincere thanks to all staff in Haliburton Hospital. They have earned total community support.

Jean A. Frazer,
Gooderham

Target-shooting ban unfair

To the Editor:

Re: "Ready-Aim-Fine" on page 7 of the January 14, 1997 edition of the Echo. Let me clarify a few points. Firstly, I had done nothing illegal. The police could do nothing, simply because I had broken no laws. This took place in November 1996.

Now, for the benefit of those genuinely concerned about safety, my backyard, as Reeve Jock Mavor calls it, is a field larger than the area used in archery competitions at Sportsmen Shows. Bow hunters stalk to within 20 yards and definitely will not shoot at anything over 30 yards to avoid the wounding of game. Since the distance from the road to the lake is 600 feet, there is a distance of over 400 feet between the backstop of my target and the road. Therefore, safety is a convenient excuse to deprive me of the enjoyment of the sport of archery.

Bullets passing through a target into a sand pile backstop do not ricochet. They bury themselves in the sand. A fairer by-law would have these three words added - "without approved backstop". This would also provide a distinction between a 30-foot backyard as opposed to an open area of 300 feet or better. A person is safer on my property than they would be on a golf course.

Hunting and fishing are traditions in Haliburton County and the sound of gunshots should be expected by anyone moving here. After more than 30 years, I feel I am being driven from my property by people who purchased long after I did. Perhaps a rustic wooden sign does not belong between fancy bronze nameplates.

Some of the reasons for my alarm:

- The closing of access to familiar hunting areas.
- People who think we need more gun control instead of crime control.
- People with a bias in a position of trust or power.
- People proposing gun laws who know nothing about guns and don't want to know.
- People with the attitude -
- If you wear camouflage clothing, you must be a militant;
- If you own a gun, you may be a mass murdered;
- If you own several guns, you are either a gun nut or a terrorist;
- If you are a hunter, you are probably a cold-blooded killer who waits over a pile of rotten meat to kill bears for their gallbladders.
- It's about the loss of freedoms and a cherished way of life.
- It's about trees and wildflowers being replaced by manicured lawns.
- It's about birds, otters and deer being driven out by dogs allowed to run loose by their owners.

In the final analysis, perhaps, it's also about a body getting too old and infirm to pick up stakes to try to find a place to relocate, free from the discrimination of the anti-gun, anti-hunting cliques and too crusty not to go out screaming and kicking all the way. For all I know, maybe it's about being born 200 years too late.

Les Glendinning,
North Shore Road,
Stanhope

Province will fast-track expansion of hospitals

The following letter was first sent to Mr. Murray Fearrey, Warden, County of Haliburton.

Dear Murray:

As I am sure you have heard, the executive of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board met with Minister of Health, Dave Johnson and his Deputy Minister on the 23rd of January. At this meeting, both the Minister and the Deputy Minister agreed that this project will be fast-tracked through the ministry channels.

It was also agreed that to insure the taxpayers of Haliburton County receive the best possible price on this project the final construction must be tendered. Extendicare have suggested they are very willing to participate in the tendering process and are confident that they will win the contract. If they are awarded the contract, County Council will be free to negotiate the necessary financing with Extendicare. Again we have been assured this entire process will be expedited and a Fall '97 start to the project is anticipated.

I have been encouraged by the urgency the Ministry of Health has demonstrated to proceed quickly with this project since our meeting with the Minister and I can assure you that I will monitor the progress very closely.

Sincerely,
Chris Hodgson, M.P.P.
Victoria-Haliburton

Teachers' union questions who'll pay 'non-classroom' costs

To the Editor:

"The Public Has a Right to Know". This is the emphasis of the OSSTF campaign for education. Each week Mr. Earl Manners has been asking Minister of Education and Training, John Snobelen a serious question. Last week it was, "What guarantee will the government make to taxpayers that costs the government defines as 'non-classroom', a total of approximately $2.8 billion, will not be added to their municipal taxes in addition to the other costs downloaded on municipalities?"

The Ministry, through its study of education costs, has redefined the Ontario classroom; this definition was used to determine the basis for an analysis of education costs and will be used to determine what the government's commitment is to the classroom. The costs of Ontario classroom services, according to the new definition, exclude such expenditures as student support services, heating, lighting, transportation, custodial services, capital costs, and school maintenance. The Minister of Education and Training has also announced that municipalities will pay for capital construction costs and provide non-instructional services.

Other questions which all communities should consider are: Is the government aware of the studies which demonstrate that out-sourcing diminishes the quality of service and increases costs? Is the government aware that out-sourcing school maintenance and custodial services may create a danger to students from casual or low-wage employees from outside agencies over which school boards will have no personnel control?

The province must develop a realistic definition for classroom services. In addition to the teacher and supplies, all those support services that make student achievement possible must be included in the definition of funding purposes. If it is the province's intention to off-load the costs of "non-instructional" support services, there would be a potential multi-billion dollar burden placed on the municipal tax base.

In conclusion, if the government doesn't pay the $2.8-billion to look after schools and students, who will?

Trudy Hawthorne,
Vice President,
OSSTF District 50,
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Fast-skating Huskies take Bancroft 7-2

• HALIBURTON • NOVICE A

by ANDREA DONALDSON

On Sunday, the Husky Novice As hosted Bancroft for an exhibition game with lots of fast action. Huskies skated to a 7 - 2 victory.

Matt Tripp, one of our defencemen, played forward and did a fine job. Adam Sisson earned a hat trick. Scoring was as follows: Adam - three goals; Jesse - one beauty goal, one assist; Aaron - one dandy goal from the top of the circle and three assists; Kevin - one wrist shot goal and two assists; Tim - one goal from the blue line, Josh with a well earned assist. With passing being a strong point for the boys, Calvin and Matt each earned an assist. Justin had a superb game and once again Chris J. was solid between the pipes.

Our boys face a lot of hockey in the next month as we travel to North York for a tournament. If the boys win they then advance to the Timmy Tyke at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Special mention to the excellent goaltending of Chris J. in the first series of playoffs against Millbrook. Good luck next weekend boys.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES: A lone Novice A Husky tries to snatch the puck away from a Bancroft opponent during exhibition play Sunday. The Huskies won 7-2.

HHSS Nordic skiers race to strong finish at all-Ontario meet

by COACH GRIFF

At the Ontario High School Nordic ski championship in North Bay last week, 14 of our local to skiers competed against the best in Ontario. With almost 800 hundred athletes involved, mere tenths of seconds decided the difference between the colours of the medals won. Some of these great athletes who competed in North Bay will go on to the National Junior Championship later this week. Haliburton's best result came from first year senior girl Ainsley Heyes who finished 24th out of 192 exceptional athletes. With the difference between Ainsley's time and the top five skiers being less than two minutes on the 5.2 km. course, Ainsley's coaches, parents and teammates were extremely pleased with this result. With two more years to compete at the senior girls level and with the OFSAA championship being held in Haliburton the next two years, the future for this young champion looks promising. Ainsley's teammates, Caitlin Pettit and Amanda Duncombe, who both competed in North Bay, will also be returning next year to compliment a very strong senior girls team.

The junior girls, who are almost all of midget age, had a great race and finished 16th as a team out of almost 30 teams. Rookie sensation Katherine Hagerman, came on strong at the end of the season to place 59th out of 190 girls which is an incredible feat for a first-year ski racer. Teammates, Steph Ratz, Carrie Heyes, Laurie Turner and Regan Brown, also placed well in this huge race.

The junior boys team of Ryan O'Neil, Brock Ladurantaye, Mike Barbour and Daniel Morgan did not place well as a team but they did win the infamous Big Red award. Seniors boy Matt Heffer and Bj Cummings also participated and, although a bit overwhelmed by the ski clubbers, finished in the top half of their category.

With another great season over for the Haliburton Nordic Ski Team, the team, coaches and school look forward to hosting the Ontario championship for the next two years. Many thanks to Coach Dibblee, Dave, the Ski Doctor, and the team for a great trip.

Rockets tie up Falcons

by SUE CLARKSON

• WILBERFORCE • ATOMS

The Rocket Atoms skated out to the Mission Impossible theme determined that the song would ring true to the Fenelon crew. Brandon Logan scored an early power play goal only to have the Flyers tie the game shortly after. With the Rockets trailing by one near the end of the first, Brandon netted another, assisted by Terry Bannon.

The second period of play continued with exciting end-to-end hockey - thrilling to watch. Fenelon scored a power play goal in the third to take the lead. Mitchell Clarkson picked the puck up from Terry and passed from behind the net out to Gavin Swan who buried the goal for the tie.

Daniel Vanier did a super job shadowing Fenelons' top shooter, and defenceman Shawn Crowder, a Novice recruit, kept the puck inside the blue line many times. Great team effort! Score: Rockets 3, Flyers 3.

Manvers notched a goal halfway through the first after much pressure. Matt Davidson was stellar throughout, but particularly in the first.

Our defence crew of Paul Hutchinson, Gavin Swan, Terry and Matthew Reil, killed an almost full two-minute five-on-three penalty.

This spurred the team on as they tallied many scoring chances in the second. Mitchell netted the tying goal, assisted by Brandon.

Again Manvers went ahead, but not to be outdone, the Rockets snagged another tie on a goal by Darren Mantifel, assisted by Matt R. and Brandon.

At the 6:40 mark Manvers went ahead once more when we couldn't clear our zone. Seconds after, Josh MacKay scored, assisted by Mitchell, to tie but Manvers wasn't done, scoring with less than five minutes remaining.

Brandon worked hard to score two unassisted goals, one to tie and one to win with only seven seconds remaining. A total team effort! Good work Andy Sayers. Score: Rockets 5, Manvers 4.

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Women curl with heart in Wilberforce

by MARK SMITH

"Ladies day out - Men beware".

On February 7 and 8 the Monmouth Curling Club welcomed women from all directions to the 12th Annual Ladies Valentine's Bonspiel. The ladies usually howl at this event and this year was no different. It's their day to relax, have fun and let the guys do all the work.

Ten teams from Minden, Bancroft and Wilberforce competed for the trophy which seemed far less important than the good food, good friends and good times shared by all. Most teams return to this event year after year making it seem more like a reunion than a bonspiel.

But bonspiel it was and the calibre of curling just gets better every year. Dana Kinsman's rink of "5-1/2 players" from Minden (everyone else had to curl with four) took top honours over Myrtle Weedmark from Wilberforce, Cheryl Murdoch of Minden, Pat Foster of Bancroft and Gerri Waugh from Wilberforce. Congratulations to everyone who took part, you all curled like champs.

The Monmouth Curling Club is extremely grateful to all of our fantastic sponsors for their generous contributions: Curry Motors Ltd., Haliburton Lumber, Wilberforce IGA and Cedar Meadow Golf, and to all of the fine people who volunteer their time to make this bonspiel a success each year. Thanks to all.

Curlers fired up at smoke-free bonspiel

by MARK SMITH

On January 25, Wilberforce played host to a grand experiment: The first annual Smoke Free Bonspiel.

For one day the entire club was off limits to tobacco. No blue cloud hovering in the air, no red, stinging eyes, no raw constricted throat and, best of all, no laundry to do after the bonspiel.

Six teams participated in the spiel, playing three six-end games each. Everyone enjoyed the competition, but none more than Ed Morais and his rink of Joanne Coumbs, Wilf Lepage and Marie Laine MacKay. This dynamic foursome sizzled in their first two games, burning the other teams off the ice in explosive fashion before meeting an equally hot team in the last game of the day.

Myrtle Weedmark, Ron and Phyllis Young and Harold Ashby were the surprise of the day having only met for the first time that morning. They quickly became a contender as they dispatched the competition in their first two matches, advancing to the final against the Morais team.

In an exciting game the closely matched teams battled to the last rock with Ed Morais' team emerging on top to win the bonspiel. The team of Mark Smith, Michele Smith, Blaine Lewis and Melanie Lewis placed second, finishing just three-quarters of a point ahead of the Weedmark rink who took third spot.

Thanks to all of the organizers and sponsors: Schwandt Lumber, Cedar Meadow Golf, Lewis Electric, Cummings Cottage Service, Wilberforce IGA and Rogers Auto Wreckers.

Although the attendance in the first year was small the interest was large. Numerous people from other clubs called to express interest in taking part in future Smoke Free events. All of this year's participants agree and will be back.

Next year's Smoke Free Bonspiel will be held in conjunction with National Non-Smoking Week so keep your calendar open and call the Monmouth Curling Club any evening to reserve your spot.

Husky Midgets advance

The Haliburton Midget Huskies beat the Millbrook Bobcats on Tuesday, February 18, to advance to the next playoff round.

As reported in last week's Midget article, Haliburton lost in Millbrook 3 - 1, but the Huskies appealed the game due to the fact that the Bobcats played a suspended player (not a good move on their part!). The Huskies won the appeal, putting them up two-to-one in the series, and giving them home ice advantage.

In the first period, both teams had few good scoring chances. In the second, the Huskies started to press the Bobcats in their end. Matt Burk broke the ice scoring at 5:09 of the second, with a feed from Jason Henry. It only took the Huskies nine seconds to strike again. Matt Burk, once again, hit the twine with the helper going to Matt Billings. Those two quick goals looked good for the Huskies heading into the dressing room at the end of the second period.

Both teams had some chances in the third. With 3:09 left in the game, Greg Pazizior put the Bobcats on the board creating a real nail biter. At 2:21 of the third, Matt "Hot Hands" Burk notched the natural hat trick, burying the puck past the opposing netkeeper on a nice set-up from Jason Henry and Ryan Burk, putting the Huskies up 3 - 1 with little time left on the clock. With only six seconds left, Jason Henry hit the empty net, helped by Matt Burk's perfect pass.

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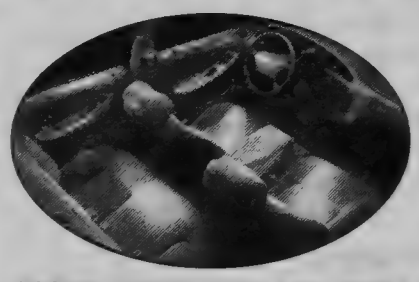

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Haliburton Forest Poker Run draws 800 snowmobilers

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Ideal conditions provided for a tremendous turnout to the 9th Annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run.

Almost 800 snowmobilers headed into Haliburton Forest's trails on Saturday for a social and enjoyable ride.

Staff from Kennisis Lake Lodge, Kennisis Lake Carpentry, Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, Windermere Cottage Resort and Haliburton Forest once again manned the cabins along the way, which served as check points and social gathering spots.

Cookies, pancakes and sausages, as well as hot chocolate, coffee and apple cider, were available to visitors.

On return to Base Camp riders exchanged their token cards for a Poker Hand. At stake for first prize was a 1997 Yamaha V-max.

At the end of the day, the proud winner was Peter Chmara of Stroud. His winning hand was a Full House.

The big winner is once again the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, which receives the proceeds from the event: a total of $8,000.

Nordic Notes: Local skiers set personal bests at loppet

by BLAKE PATON

February brings a huge rate of competition results to ski circles, and this week has seen a lot of action which is of interest to local skiers.

Jane Heyes produced the best category result at the Keskinada Loppet in Ottawa on February 16th by placing third in her age category (which will not be revealed here) in the 25 km. freestyle event. She was one of the half-dozen local skiers who attended this prestigious Canadian loppet. I was fortunate enough to attend, and almost all who skied it this year had a great time. Some of us even managed to set personal records, which is the goal of most amateur competitors.

The World Junior Championships quietly took place in Canmore, Alberta on the 15th and 16th although this important event went unreported in most daily newspapers. This under-20 event usually signals the coming powerhouses of skiing, and it is also a gauge of Canadian talent of the future.

The women's relay team at Canmore finished 10th, while the men's relay team placed 12th, and both of these results are the best since 1988, so we can expect to see some improvement in our national results in the coming decade. The women's team seems to be rebuilding quite nicely after a couple of weak seasons on the World Cup. Alas, there were no individual results of note.

Don't forget that the World Championship results will be available at press time. This year's events are being held at Trondheim, Norway. Expect to see a mammoth duel between arch-rivals Bjorn Daehlie of Norway and Vladimir Smirnov of the Kazakstan Republic of the former U.S.S.R. The Finns have had some great results too this year so they may well be atop the podium.

Amidst this competition remember that the Moosewoods Loppet is coming on the 2nd of March, so this would be a great opportunity to try a fun race in a low-stress environment. Don't let the winter pass without setting a personal record, and try not to let that record be for procrastinating.

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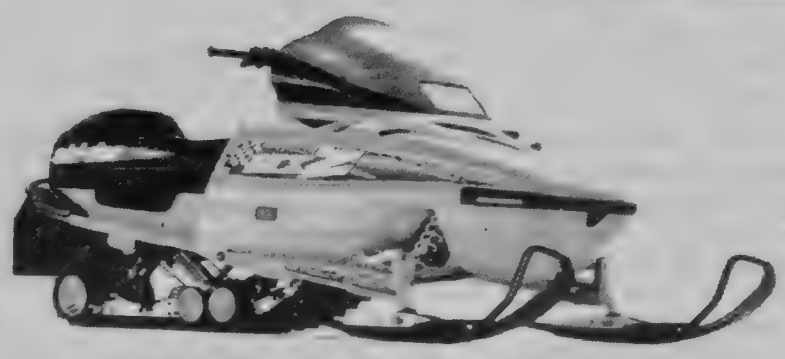

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Huskies win tourney in two

Husky Major Tyke Talk
by Vince and Chris Duchene

Let the playoffs begin, and unfortunately for Manvers it has ended. Yes, folks, our Major Tykes beat up Manvers pretty bad this weekend to continue their excellent play.

Friday night saw us in Manvers for Game One. Coach Winn looked up the definition of "The Perfect Game of Hockey" in the world famous Hockey Digest and this is what it said; "The perfect game is to play an entire game not allowing any shots on goal against and converting on at least 75% of your scoring opportunities."

Coach Winn was a happy man after Game One because we had no shots against us and scored six times to take a 1-0 series lead.

Our defence, which includes Kenton Winn, Curtis Barker, Devin Hunter and Ryan Scheffee, was outstanding and was the major reason why we had no shots against.

Another major reason was the two "shadows" on our team. Cody Hodgson and Tyler Watson absolutely shut down the Manvers star player #2 Mason Groskopf. The rest of our forwards were dynamite defensively, as well.

Offensively Mitchell Vasey put on a show, scoring two beautiful goals off two pin-point passes from Matthew Duchene. Cody Hodgson, Tyler Watson, Devin Hunter and Dallyn Smith added one each to round out our 6-0 romp.

Game Two was back in Haliburton on Saturday morning and our Huskies picked up where they left off. Some incredible passing highlighted this game. If a person didn't know our boys, they might think they are much older than they are.

Matthew Duchene was on fire, collecting four goals and three assists in this game. Matthew's linemates, Cody Hodgson and Mitchell Vasey, were the main

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reason for his outburst. Cody added three goals and two assists himself, while Mitchell set up Matthew and Cody five times for goals. This line accounted for 17 points overall. Great game guys!

Also adding to the score board were Tyler Watson, with three goals and one assist, plus Max Ambridge, with a goal and an assist. Collecting other assists were Devin Hunter (2), Ryan Scheffee (2), Kyle "Tie Domi" Evans (1), Curtis Barker (2) and Kenton Winn (1).

Ian "The Cat" Sachs stood his ground very well, allowing just three goals to make the final 11-3 for the Huskies. Haliburton wins the series in two games.

With one more series left, we are anxiously anticipating a League Championship for the Haliburton Major Tyke Huskies. As we await the winner of the Woodville/Beaverton series, we'll enjoy an exhibition rematch against the Blues from Hunstville. You might remember we battled them to a 5-5 tie in Huntsville in the fall.

March 10 marks the date of our home tournament. Some excellent competition is coming, including Huntsville, Bracebridge, Orillia, Sunderland, Woodville and others.

Adding the excitement, the Major Tykes are sponsoring a draw. The prizes include: First - a weekend for two at Wigamog, including accommodations, breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday night (a $350 value); Second - an autographed Chris Chelios hockey sweater sent to us from the United Centre and the Chicago Blackhawks (a $250 value); and Third - a "Buzz Lightyear" telephone. Buzz stands two feet tall and is a replica from the "Toy Story" movie (a $100 value).

We are selling only 2,000 tickets. You can talk to Barb Winn or Vince and Chris Duchene to get tickets. These are fabulous prizes so don't miss out! (PS - They only cost $2.)

First Loop Loppet draws 57 skiers

by GARY & PAT COLLINS

The first "Loop Loppet" was on February 15, as part of the Loop Winter Carnival. All the trails at Silent Lake Provincial Park were in magnificent shape being freshly groomed dry powder snow - a skier's dream! Clive Emery, operator, had even laid out a special ski skating trail consisting of a nice 5-1/2 km. loop. The weather co-operated with moderated temperatures and a combination of light snow and the occasional sunshine - a great winter's day to be out skiing.

This event is not a ski race as such but is formatted to encourage participation for everyone of all ages and abilities. The challenge part for the individual, if desired, is to complete longer trails and for the more serious skiers to complete maximum kilometres of trail during the day. All skiers were presented with a very handsome achievement certificate recording name, event and kilometres skied.

A total of 57 individuals participated ranging in age from five to 62 years. Three skiers received the Gold Star for completing "The Blues", a 40 km. event: Gary Young (53 kms., the record to beat next year), Ian Wilson and Mike Bickers (the top local from Highland Grove). Well done! Nine completed the "Big Blue", 20 kms., and the others did 13 kms., or less. A group of Guides and Brownies also joined in and completed the Green trail. Free juice and chocolates were provided as part of the modest entry fee. The only disappointment was the small number of skiers (only six) who utilized the bus laid on from Wilberforce. The bus will be tried again next year.

Organizers Gary and Pat Collins felt that all skiers enjoyed their ski at Silent Lake, some of whom will no doubt feel their efforts for a day or two afterwards.

Thanks go to Clive and Chris Emery and their assistants; Gary and Jan Lynas who provided envelopes for the certificates; Rene Wolfraim and the bus driver Susan Ellison for making the day an enjoyable one and a modest success. It is anticipated that next year's entry will be significantly larger.

Snowshoeing, which is enjoying increasing popularity and which is most suitable for our Haliburton and areas' deep snow, is contemplated as part of the Loop Winter Carnival for 1998. This could be held on the Sunday and simply be a participation event - group up according to ability and take a tramp!

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April 19, St. George's Anglican Church presents **CELEBRATE**, a concert featuring the 60 voice Mohawk College Singers. Haliburton Legion, 7:30pm. Reserved tickets $17.50 advance ($20 at the door), $10. students, available at Perfect Prints, Master's Bookstore in Haliburton or Campbell's Flowers, Minden. Proceeds to Church Restoration.

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This is only the second time in S.I.'s history that there are no articles, just pictures and brief comments on the models, i.e. "Tyra enjoys mountain biking, drinking cafe latte with friends and debating Einstein's theory of relativity."

One might wonder how or why a sports magazine would get involved in something more suit to Cosmopolitan. It turns out that this is S.I.'s biggest seller every year!

Who needs Dennis Rodman? Personally I find that parading women across the pages, like so many pieces of meat a bit degrading, but the truth is that sex sells.

Now, if we could entice a couple of those super mods down to Wilberforce on Thursday nights, imagine the increase in fan attendance for the W.O.H.L.!

The first game on this week's calendar in the W.O.H.L. had the Haliburton Hawks meeting the Wilberforce Golden Ponders.

This was not a fun night for hometown fans as they watched the Golden ones fall behind 4 - 1 after a period and a half.

This may not seem too bad until you realize that the Hawks had no goaltender for the first half of the game.

Finally fill-in 'tender Don Meharrie arrived, to no avail for the Ponders who were trounced 12 - 5 by the end of the game.

Sniping for the Hawks was Tom Curry and Brian Mulholland with three each, Steve Roberts had two and singles went to Dan Ambridge, Derrell Stamp, Willie Greber and Glen Sharpley.

Chipping in pucks for the Ponders was Jim Alden and Rolland Pelletier with two each and a single went to Bev Billings. Steve Roberts four-point night keeps him at the top of the scoring race, tied with brother Joe, each with 34 points.

In game two it was the Clarkson Plumbers and Whitney.

The Plumbers, who have lost only one game all season, continued their winning ways walloping Whitney 11 - 0.

Joe Roberts led the way with the hat trick, Dan Curry, Jerry Walker and stay-at-home defenceman Drew Carey, all had two each. Singles went to Mike Iles and Phil Jung. Kevin (No Jinx This Time) Finch go the shutout!

This keeps the Plumbers in first place tied with the Hawks, both with 22 points.

The last game of the night was cancelled by the Apsley team due to lack of participants, giving Bancroft Canadian Tire their easiest two points of the season.

Time's a wastin' to get out and cheer on your favourite Oldtimers' team. You never know who might show up - Claudia, Elle, Christy, Rachel, Lucy, Ethel, Roseann...

Wilberforce Novices rack up victories

by JOHN MORIN

The Wilberforce Novices opened their Tri-County semi-final series with Haliburton on February 8. Unfortunately, the Rockets fell 2 - 0.

The next day the Rockets came out strong as they continued to pound the puck at the Huskies net but were unable to penetrate the Husky goalie. The boys played extremely well and deserved a better fate than a 1 - 1 draw. Shane Gillick scored the loan Rocket goal.

Haliburton hosted game three, February 15. With diligent forechecking and defensive play the Rockets totally frustrated Haliburton earning a 5 - 0 victory. Rocket goals were scored by Kanan Quibell with four and Shawn with a single, assisted to Jessie MacKay, Drew Galloway, Daniel Riley, Steve Meharrie and Shawn. Honourable mention to Galen Bowman for an outstanding defensive effort against Haliburton's top scorer. Congratulations to J.D. Thompson who played great in goal after being thrown in net at the last minute.

The next day in Haliburton, with three boys stricken with the flu, the Rockets continued to play defensively for the first two periods. Shawn scored in the third, assisted by Galen and Travis MacKay. Haliburton came back hard but were thwarted by good defence and strong goaltending. Steven Meharrie scored with three minutes left, assisted by Kanan. Haliburton scored one to make it close but the Rockets held on to take the 2 - 1 victory.

Both teams came out hard in Wilberforce on the 17th keeping a fast pace throughout. The Rockets continued to fire many shots at the Husky net but were unable to capitalize on the many rebounds that lay around the net. Final score: 2 - 0 Haliburton. Keep up the good work boys. There's a long way to go yet.

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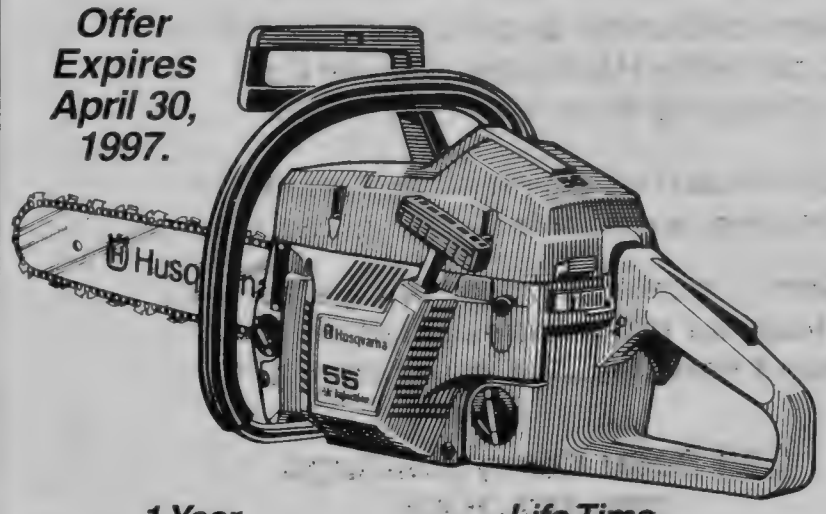

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by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

NEAR THE TURN of the century when their husbands were out working the farms, women of rural Ontario began to get meet to share friendship and practical information.

The men had a Farmers' Institute to discuss agricultural issues, so the women decided to assemble an organization of their own to study homemaking and other topics.

And a century after the first Women's Institute was formed, it is still the fellowship that brings more than 15,000 WI members together across the province.

On Wednesday members of the Minden WI celebrated the Institute's 100th anniversary with a traditional lunch, songs, entertainment and the camaraderie that has kept the group intact for so long.

"I think it's the fellowship and of course all the great people you meet that I find interesting," said Minden WI president Jean Cox, whose mother and grandmother were both members.

She decided to join the WI 15 years ago when she retired.

"I enjoy the learning experiences and the conventions where you meet with people from other districts."

Jeanne Sears joined Minden's WI nearly 50 years ago in 1948 at the urging of her landlady, who even paid her annual membership.

She's a past president locally and at the district level, and collects historical information for the WI's Tweedsmuir books.

"I think it's the learning experiences that keeps me interested," said Sears. "It also helps give you self confidence."

Treasurer Mary Wilson didn't know anyone in the Minden area when she first moved there in 1988.

She saw the WI as an answer to make friends in her new home and familiarize herself with the community.

"It's the one thing I've stuck with because the fellowship is so terrific," she explained.

Mary Cox, who is a past president and has been secretary for the past 15 years, joined the WI more than 30 years ago.

"My mother and a lot of her friends were involved so I decided to join," she said. "I enjoy the short courses and find the friendships really wonderful."

Members of WI kept that tradition of friendship going strong Wednesday, celebrating the anniversary with more than a dozen guests from other branches and former members.

The women sang the "Centennial Song," marking the WI's progress since its inception in Stoney Creek.

In honour of the anniversary, they also read the minutes of the first meeting of the Stoney Creek WI on February 19, 1897.

As well, they performed a skit, written by Jeanne Sears 20 years ago, and enjoyed an old-fashioned lunch of sandwiches, cakes and other goodies.

From small town life to the Holocaust, students speak out

GOOD AT SPEAKING: On February 17, the Haliburton Legion hosted its annual public speaking contest. These students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School took part. Front row, Grades 4, 5 and 6, from left: Drew Boulton, Reuben Maughan, Matthew Roberts and Arlen Mighton (Chris Postill absent). Grades 7 and 8: Carrie Feir, Ryan Wood, Liane Dron, Stacey Schell and Kendra Griffin.

by ETHEL GALVIN
Haliburton Legion

On Sunday, February 16 the Public Speaking Contest for Grades 1 to 13 was held. There were over 100 people in attendance and they were entertained by 16 speeches. The topics, chosen by the students, varied from the light (small town living), the educational (marijuana), to the heavy (the Holocaust).

Three first place winners will compete in the Zone Level in Omemee on Sunday, March 2, and if they place first there they will continue on to the District Level, and hopefully on to Area and Provincial.

Our Branch Awards night will be held in the Legion auditorium on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. At that time all the awards will be presented both for the Remembrance Day Literacy and Poster Contest and for the Public Speaking Contest. All participants, award winners, teachers, parents, friends, and legionnaires, are cordially invited to attend this event.

Public Speaking Contest 1997 winners:

Grades 4, 5 and 6: First place - Drew Bolton, "U.F.O.s"; second place - Reuben Maughan, "The Titanic"; third place - Chris Postil, "Bad Habits".

Grades 7 and 8: First place - Carrie Feir, "Marijuana"; second place - Ryan Wood, "Living in a Small Town"; Third Place - Kendra Griffin, "Alcohol".

Grades 9 and 10: First place - Ryan Dawson, "Small Town Living"; second place - Megan Landry, "The Holocaust"; third

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Haliburton has many first place winners in Legion's contests

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place - Sheena Barry, "Mickey Mouse".

There was an overwhelming response from the students to the Remembrance Day Contest with 253 entries. All 12 of the first place winners were forwarded on to the Zone Level and eight of them were winners at that level and the four first place winners from Haliburton were then forwarded on to the District Level. There were no winners from our students at that level but we should be proud that there were so many who went that far.

This year I have been very involved in helping our Legion and the businesses and merchants in the local community in sponsoring a Drug Awareness Program at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. I felt there was a real need to teach our children how to avoid dangerous situations and protect themselves by getting this vital information into the hands of the children and their parents. The community donated approximately $2,000 to this project and the Legion donated $2,186 so every students in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 could receive a book. There were also teachers, guides, bulletin board material and teaching aids included, all of which we delivered to the school in late December. There is a copy of the students book in the club room at the Legion if you would like to have a look at it. I have to admit that I myself learned a few things when I read it.

YOUNG TALENT ON ICE: The new Youth Curling group at the Haliburton Curling Club held its first bonspiel on Saturday. The winning rink was, from left, Skip Geoff Meyers, Martin Nicholson, Holly Bishop and Erica Fearrey.

Husky Minor Tykes put it all together

The dedicated coaching staff of the Husky Minor Tykes, Glen Evans, George Smith and Rod Thurston, have taken a group of energetic, enthusiastic boys and turned them into a disciplined, hard working, position playing, hockey team. Not only have they learned to play well, but they've learned how to win and they gave Bobcaygeon a lesson in just that on Sunday.

The Huskies opened the scoring halfway through the first when Robert Lowes raced in alone. Three minutes later Nelson Evans fought off a check and laid a pass onto James Roberts' stick and Roberts dipsy doodled through what seemed like the whole Bobcaygeon team then beat the goalie like a rented mule. Roberts added another one minutes later when Nelson Evans passed to Robert Lowes who fired at the net and Roberts tipped it in. The Huskies' offence continued into the second when Lane Schmid sent Jesse Woodward up the ice and he found Jesse Stoughton open in front of the net and Stoughton made no mistake. James Roberts got the hat trick when Mac Trueman set him up just inside the blue line and he fired a bullet past the startled Caygeon netminder.

Bobcaygeon had their fair share of opportunities but Zack Prenger was as solid as a rock and kept turning back shot after shot until finally one got past him but Pat Roy himself couldn't have saved that one. The Huskies got one more when Luke Mayhew stole the puck and fired it to Chase Thurston who fed it to Jesse Stoughton and he flew down the ice deked the goalie and deposited into the yawning cage. A complete effort by the Huskies resulted in a 6 - 1 win.

Wilberforce Novices take on Haliburton in semi-finals series

by JOHN MORIN

The Wilberforce Novices opened their Tri-County semi-final series with Haliburton on February 8. Unfortunately, the Rockets fell 2 - 0.

The next day the Rockets came out strong as they continued to pound the puck at the Huskies net but were unable to penetrate the Husky goalie. The boys played extremely well and deserved a better fate than a 1 - 1 draw. Shane Gillick scored the loan Rocket goal.

Haliburton hosted game three, February 15. With diligent forechecking and defensive play the Rockets totally frustrated Haliburton earning a 5 - 0 victory. Rocket goals were scored by Kanan Quibell with four and Shawn with a single, assisted to Jessie MacKay, Drew Galloway, Daniel Riley, Steve Meharrie and Shawn. Honourable mention to Galen Bowman for an outstanding defensive effort against Haliburton's top scorer. Congratulations to J.D. Thompson who played great in goal after being thrown in net at the last minute.

The next day in Haliburton, with three boys stricken with the flu, the Rockets continued to play defensively for the first two periods. Shawn scored in the third, assisted by Galen and Travis MacKay. Haliburton came back hard but were thwarted by good defence and strong goaltending. Steven Meharrie scored with three minutes left, assisted by Kanan. Haliburton scored one to make it close but the Rockets held on to take the 2 - 1 victory.

Both teams came out hard in Wilberforce on the 17th keeping a fast pace throughout. The Rockets continued to fire many shots at the Husky net but were unable to capitalize on the many rebounds that lay around the net. Final score: 2 - 0 Haliburton. Keep up the good work boys. There's a long way to go yet.

County Bowling

The following are league results of the County Bowling Centre in Minden:

Tuesday Seniors, Men: High Average (205), High Single (268), High Single (285), High Triple (672), and High Triple HC (723) - Walter Stegmaeir. Women: High Average (178) and High Single (233) - Eleanor Young; High Single HC - Muriel Drinkle, 279; High Triple (528) and High Triple HC (642) - Eleanor Young.

Thursday Seniors, Men: High Average - Ray Lymer, 193; High Single (259), High Single HC (306), and High Triple (593) - Lloyd Boskett; High Triple HC - John Irwin, 757. Women: High Average (173), High Single (255), High Single HC (297) - Edith Alzner; High Triple (604) and High Triple HC (772) - Dorothy Boyd.

636 Mixed,Men: High Average - Fred Knight, 200; High Single (227) and High Single HC (274) - Lloyd Brown; High Triple - Fred Knight, 604; High Triple HC - Lloyd Brown, 739. Women: High Average - Georgina Parkes, 162; High Single (249), High Single HC (315), High Triple (554) and High Triple HC (752) - Bev Johnson.

TOWNSHIP OF CARDIFF

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT R.S.O. 1990

Notice is hereby given of a Public Meeting to be held on the date, time and location as follows:

MARCH 18, 1997
1:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ROAD 9, R.R. 3 BANCROFT ONTARIO

The Municipal Council will at that time, hear persons and receive submissions relating to By-law 10-97 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 08-91 of the Corporation of the Township of Cardiff.

The Purpose of this By-law is to Rezone the lands comprising Part of Lots 2 and 3 of Concession 22 of the Township of Cardiff located on the North side of Highway 648 to accommodate a single detached dwelling, a warehouse and a workshop.

The effect of this By-law will be to amend By-law 08-91 to retain an existing Commercial (C) zoning on a portion of these lands, to permit a portion of the lands presently zoned Extractive Industrial (M2) to Residential (R) and to rezone the balance of these lands zoned Extractive Industrial (M2) to Restricted Industrial (M1); to reflect the existing uses of the lands.

Be further advised the subject lands are subject to an application pursuant to Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, identified by File Number H-002-96, being an application to sever a residential building lot.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Corporation of the Township of Cardiff in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Cardiff before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information relating to this application will be available at the Municipal office of the Corporation of the Township of Cardiff during the hours of 9:00A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Copy of a written notice with respect to this application may be requested by contacting the undersigned during the hours as stated herein.

Roger J. Hogan
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Township of Cardiff
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The equipment will be entered into a register, which will be referred to when any of our districts in Northern Region require equipment.

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WILBERFORCE HOCKEY ACTION

Tykes start sweetheart of a weekend on Valentine's Day

by SANDY JOHNSTON

On February 14 the Wilberforce Tykes started the weekend off with five games booked. First in Bancroft: scorers were Travis, a quadruple; Adam, a double; and Jessee, a single. Julian, Jessee, Andi, Matthew, Josh and Jeremy all earned assists. Final score 7 - 0 Rockets.

February 15 was a home game against Fenelon. Scorers were Josh, one goal, one assist; Adam, a hat trick and one assist; Travis, two goals and two assists; Julian, one assist; Matthew, one goal; and Jeremy, three assists. Final score 7 - 2 Rockets.

February 15 in Bancroft point-getters were: Travis, a hat trick and three assists; Jessee, Julian, Adam, Andi, and Jeremy all earned points. Adam, Jessee, and Andi each had an assist. Final score 9 - 0 Rockets.

February 16 the Tykes travelled to Fenelon Falls. Travis and Adam had one goal each, assisted by Andi, Jessee and Julian. Final score 2 - 1 Rockets.

February 16, the final match of the day, the Tykes hosted Ops for a tough game. First period was scoreless for both sides. Andi and Adam each scored a goal in the second. Travis got the final goal of the game, assisted by Josh. Also, Adam and Travis each earned an assist. Final score 3 - 0 Rockets.

The Rockets only had three goals scored against them in five games. Excellent guys. Congratulations to goalie Kyle Steel with three more shutouts. Nice work. Now you can take a breather.

Bantams sharpen skills against Blades

by SUE CLARKSON

The Rocket Bantams held an exhibition game with Beaverton a couple Sundays back. It turned out to be a one-sided affair with the Rockets up by four at the end of the second. Goals scored were by Jason Kemp and Ian Brown to Ricky Huffman for the goal; Jason Woodcox, unassisted; Shane Parks, assisted by Jason Kemp; and Jason W., assisted by Jason K., earning him a hat trick of assists for the night. After the flood, the Blades came out renewed, obtaining a power play goal plus one more but the Rockets' early lead stayed intact. Score: Rockets 4, Beaverton 2.

Following an exciting AAA game between the Lindsay Wolves and Whitby Wildcats Major Bantams, the Rockets took on the Minden A team. The first period ended tied at zero as the Rockets put on great pressure culminating in numerous opportunities. We thought this was the game they'd win as the Rockets were up by one at the end of the second on a late period goal by Corby Semple, assisted by Shane Parks. Rocket penalty kills were awesome these two periods thanks to Jason Kemp, Corby, Adam Passaretti and Adam Clarkson filling in from forward. In the third, Minden tied the game with the Rockets netting one right after by Shane Parks, assisted by Corby. Minden notched two quick ones to take the lead. Adam Passaretti scored on a slap shot from the point, assisted by Shane to bring the team within one. Despite a six-on-four opportunity, the Rockets could not gain another goal and Minden notched one more. Don't give up so easily next time team. Score: Minden 5, Rockets 3.

Bobcaygeon hard to beat, but PeeWees do it, 4-2

by KATHY SHARPE

On February 15 the Rocket PeeWees hosted Bobcaygeon's #2 team. This game was very exciting and fast-paced. Both teams were evenly matched. The first goal was sent to the net, unassisted, by the aggressive work of Chris Alden. This seemed to set the pace for our boys. He sent another one in with help from Jeremy Huffman. After Chris showed what he could do, the Bobcaygeon team seemed to be all over him.

Then in the second, Ben DeCarlo popped one in the top corner, set up by Chris. Our Rockets seemed to be passing better and setting the plays. Jeremy Huffman sent the next one in, assisted by Chris Alden. Congratulations to the awesome defense of Ken Mott, Rob Sharpe, Ben DeCarlo and Billy Hunter, the Rockets' goalie, for his outstanding saves. Oh! Happy birthday, Billy. Not to go unnoticed were the forwards' contribution - Justin Winder, who seemed to be right in the middle of everything; Chris Alden, glad to have you back; Jeremy Huffman, who seemed to be in the right place at the right time; Billy Chee Choo, who dug in hard throughout the game, and Paul Wesley, who made some great passes.

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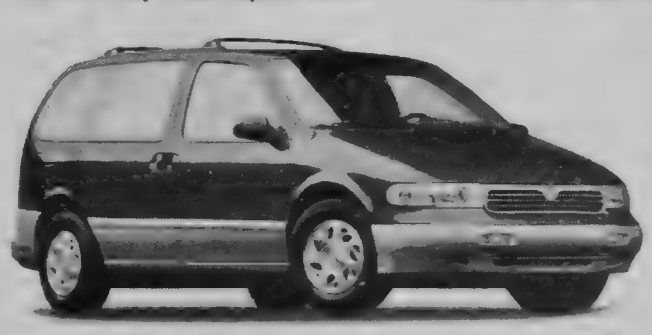

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MapleFest organizers plan for 'sweet success'

After the "sweet success" of last spring, the organizers of the second annual Haliburton County MapleFest 1997 are truly excited about this spring's sap attractions!

Set for March 28 through April 6, the entire county is encouraged to be involved in MapleFest in order to turn one of the area's slowest tourism seasons into a celebration of spring.

Along with the delicious treat of pancakes and maple syrup - maple syrup producers, artisans, craftspeople, local businesses, churches, service clubs, museums and galleries, lodges and restaurants, have joined together to arrange a Maple Tour unique to the Highlands of Haliburton.

Head Lake Park will be a beehive of activity for the kids. Sir Sandford Fleming College's Ecotourism students are planning puppet and magic shows, clowns, balloons, face painting, the John Knight Dog Sled Display plus lots more. The hope is to make MapleFest 97 a "kid oriented" event!

Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre will be a big drawing card with their "Wolf Howls" and the Frost Centre's displays are always popular with all ages. The Kinmount Lions Club is promoting their model railroad in the setting of an antique train station and they will have their blacksmith shop open.

In the planning stages at the moment, a large Arts and Crafts Show should give an outlet for creative talent that is abundant in the county. Please watch for details.

Information centres will be open at all times during MapleFest hours in Kinmount, Minden, and Haliburton. Volunteers would be appreciated from the county to staff these centres.

The MapleFest Committee would like to extend an invitation to all persons, organizations or businesses to participate in this spring-time promotion. The $50 entry charge puts your business or event on the official MapleFest Brochure Tour Map. Involvement has been proven to be a real factor in local business growth. It is not too late to participate! As the brochure soon goes to print, anyone interested in taking part should quickly call one of the committee members listed below.

Co-sponsor of this year's event, Rock 95 has arranged an extensive radio package which offers low cost advertising on a share basis with MapleFest 97 to anyone who wishes. Local media are giving freely of their expertise. The committee is encouraging all local businesses to advertise along with MapleFest participants.

The MapleFest 97 Committee consists of Chairman Eric Thompson - 457-3657, Vice-Chairman Tom Dawson - 286-3202, Secretary Grace Clement - 457-3754, Treasurer Louise Berry - 286-3705, and Director Jean Tyler - 457-2214.

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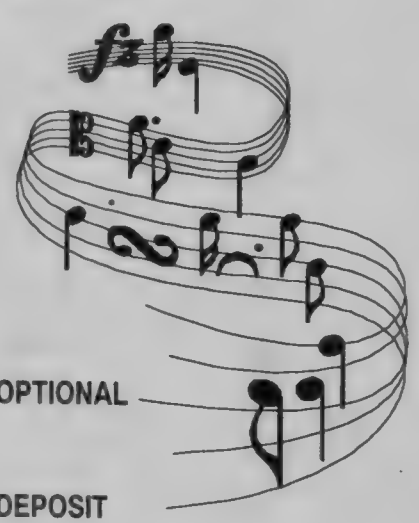

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART ET AL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al passed By-law No. 97-08 on the 17th day of February, 1997 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P13, as amended.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al not later than the 17th day of March, 1997, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. This notice must be accompanied by the prescribed fee of $125.00, made payable to the Treasurer of Ontario.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

BY-LAW 97-08 is a general amendment to the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-law which has the following purpose and effect:

1. amends the minimum dwelling unit area for dwelling units in a converted dwelling house in the Residential Type 1 zone;
2. adds a marina as a permitted use to the Highway Commercial zone; and
3. adds a marina as a permitted use to the Industrial zone.

BY-LAW 97-08 affects all lands within the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al which are subject to he Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

A COMPLETE COPY OF THE BY-LAW is available for inspection at the Municipal office in Haliburton, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

DATED at the Township of Dysart this 25th day of February, 1997.

Donna L. McCallum,
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NOTE: Questions relating to this notice should be directed to the Planning Department at 705-457-1740

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Musicians Pauline and Eduard Minevick, plus Leslie De'Ath

Concert Series brings trio to Legion March 9

An instrumental trio will be featured in the final performance of this season's Haliburton Highlands Concert Series.

Three well-known artists will be on stage at the Haliburton Legion Hall, Sunday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for students. They are available at the IDA Drug store in Minden, and Nancy's Flowers in Haliburton.

The musicians are Pauline Minevick, clarinetist; Eduard Minevick, violin; and Leslie De'Ath, pianist. They have performed for years with the Canadian Chamber Ensemble, and as members of the Faculty of Music at Wilfred Laurier University.

Their program will range widely, including Gershwin selections, gypsy airs, Mozart and Brahms, as well as other appealing musical treats.

Carnarvon UCW plans meeting

by ANN MCKAY

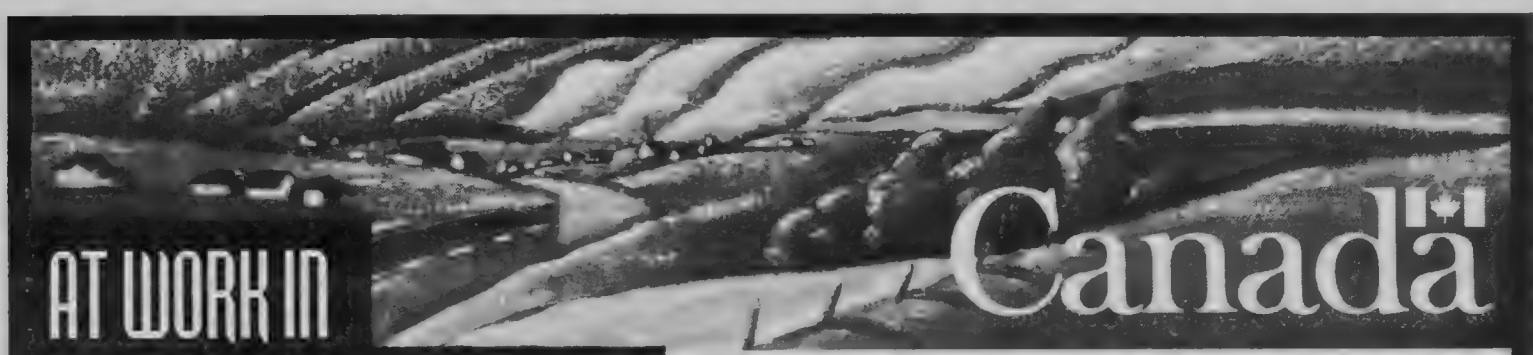
The next meeting of the UCW will be held on March 4 in the Bert Allen room at 1:30. All ladies welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory have returned to their home after a few months in Ottawa where both had health problems. We hope all is behind them. Welcome home. We missed you.

The World Day of Prayer will be held at Zion Church in Carnarvon this year, on March 7, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Laverne and Ruth Thomas have returned from their vacation in Key West, Florida.

On Friday afternoon the Junior Choir of Zion will perform at 1:30 p.m. in the Haliburton Legion. Everyone is welcome to hear these children and enjoy their singing Friday, February 28.



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To receive an application and for more information about YCI, contact the Youth Challenge International office at (416) 971-9846, ext. 300, or e-mail us at info@yci.org.

Minden MNR completes surveys

The Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden says:

• The aerial moose survey for WMU 54 has been completed. The results of the survey will be sent to the Provincial Inventory Program Leader to be compiled and the results analyzed.

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Valentine's dinner warms seniors' hearts

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Hyland Crest News

Donna Wallace
286-2140

Everyone here was delighted with the Valentine's dinner. Decorations on the table and around the auditorium, chocolate hearts at each place setting, all these special touches made for a beautiful atmosphere.

The dinner was just delicious and the entertainment that followed was great, Ian Brohm, Alicia Sales and her father, Brad. We thoroughly enjoyed the music and singing. All in all, to quote one of our residents, "Just terrific".

A big thank you to the dietary staff, those who provided the decorations, (many were made by our residents), Linda Fry and all of the staff, and anyone else who helped to make the evening the success it was.

On February 15 Kathleen Owens entertained us on the piano and on the 18th we participated in trivia "Now and Then". Our thoughts on how we lived and worked and how things compare to life today. We enjoyed this very much and found it all very interesting.

On the 19th, we once again ate our way through another fish and chip lunch and in the evening we were entertained by the Fearreys.

Robbie Young is at Lyndhurst Lodge for two or three weeks. Patches has gone to a new home, but we have been reassured that he will be visiting us. That's good. We do miss the little fellow. I'm afraid many of us are guilty of spoiling him.

Muriel Harrison enjoyed a visit from Milton and Shirley Barry who were friends and neighbours for many years. Also, Winnie Barnum had a surprise visit from her grandson, Kevin Barnum from Thunder Bay. Winnie was delighted by this visit as she hasn't seen Kevin in almost a year.

We wish Maggie Cook a speedy recovery. She is presently in Ross Memorial in Lindsay.

Today, as we write this, the sun is shining and the days are certainly getting longer. We await spring. Bye now.

Haliburton UCW will mark 35th anniversary

The Haliburton UCW held its February meeting recently when 34 ladies gathered to socialize and enjoy an interesting program dedicated to women. The 35th anniversary of UCW will be celebrated this year with some of the ladies making a church banner.

There were important items of business to consider before the presentation of resources from the church library, and a program devoted to relationships between women of all ages and their wisdom to be shared.

The ladies sat at tables decorated with a Valentine theme and delicious fruits and breads were served with tea.

Generous donations of winter food were brought for the 4Cs.

Some upcoming dates of interest to be noted:

Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church - the annual World Day of Prayer. All are welcome, men, women, children.

Wednesday, April 30, Spring Luncheon at Haliburton United Church.

Saturday, July 26, Summer Sale in the church grounds.

Another time of fellowship enjoyed. We will meet again on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

West Guilford woman celebrates 86th birthday

by ELEANOR COOPER

Although it has already been noted, it is only fitting that congratulations be sent from this column as well, to Lorna Stackhouse, on her 86th birthday, and good wishes to each one in the five-generation Stackhouse-Sisson-Cooney and Vince picture!

Kathleen Owens recently enjoyed a three-week holiday in the Caribbean area, the first week on the Sun Princess cruise, followed by two weeks with her friend Dorothy Robertson of Gooderham in Belize.

Congratulations to Nicole Cooper on winning the silver medal in the shot put in the recent Ontario Legion Indoor Championships. Katherine Hagerman also placed well in the distance races.

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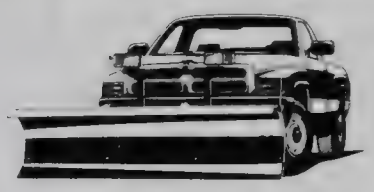
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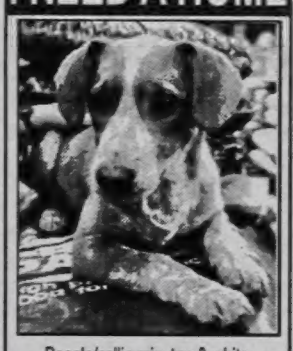

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310 NOTICES

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320 PERSONAL

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330 THANK YOU

MANY THANKS to the athletes, judges and spectators for making the Lochlin Winter Olympics a moment in Highland history. **Dave and Marg Skinner**

THANK YOU to the many people who have offered their support through cards, prayers, phone calls, visits, inquiries and best wishes following my recent surgery. We are blessed to be a part of this caring community. Thank you all, **Kathy Stouffer.**

THANK YOU

My Dad wrote for me a little poem – I hope you're well and safe at home.
I want to thank my many friends
For cards and calls while my leg mends,
For videos, candy, a walker too,
Crutches and books, both old and new;
The care of a busy ambulance crew,
Thanks so much - my needs are few.
The ice on the roadside, covered with snow,
I went down pretty hard and heard the bone go.
Our dog on her leash knew something was wrong,
How lucky that Andy was driving along.
Minden hospital – doctor and staff,
My leg hurt so much I didn't laugh.
Then on to Lindsay – the nurses so kind,
Dr. Dakin, my surgeon, a wonderful find.
Very soon, I hope, I'll be back playing cards
And bowling as well – perhaps shovelling yards!
Chris Hill

THE FAMILY OF the late Ruby Mitchell would like to thank everyone for their kind support and care over the past years. A special thank you to all the Red Cross workers, the Homecare workers, the V.O.N., and the Hospice people, for their years of assistance; to Dr. Judy Smith for her help and understanding – you were great; to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home and staff for their kindness – you were most helpful during this difficult time. To all those who sent cards, donations, baking, and phoned to say Hi, thank you. Friends and family mean so much all the time – it is nice to know you are there and you care. Sincerely, **Gord Mitchell and Family.**

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330 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF the late Orval Morrison would sincerely like to thank all our families and friends for their visits, telephone calls, flowers, cards, donations and food. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Haliburton hospital and Pastor Paul Benson, also the Haliburton Community Funeral Home and the ladies of the West Guilford Baptist Church for the lovely lunch. **Colleen and family.**

TO ALL you caring people who have sent cards, plants and fruit baskets, called with encouraging words, and offered many prayers, thank you so much! Your friendship is truly treasured. God bless each one of you! (I'm doing fine now, thanks.) **Janet Barker**

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400 IN MEMORIAM

EVERSON, BEATRICE – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, and nana, who passed away February 26, 1991.
Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away;
And those who loved you dearly
Are thinking of you today.
Sadly missed, **Bill and Family.**

400 IN MEMORIAM

COUMBS – In loving memory of my father, Christie Coumbs, who passed away February 25, 1989, my mother, Florence Coumbs, who died March 19, 1993, and my brother, Lyle, who died November 18, 1974.
Though their smiles are gone forever
And their hands I cannot touch
Still I have so many memories
Of the family I loved so much.
Their memory is my keepsake
With which I'll never part,
God has them in His keeping,
I have them in my heart.
Missed more deeply than words can say, **Doreen.**

LITTLE – In loving memory of Donald, who passed away February 25, 1988.
Long days and nights he bore great pain,
To wait for cure but all in vain,
'Til God above saw what was best,
And took him home with Him to rest.
Sadly missed by the **Family.**

MACKENZIE, DONELDA – In loving memory of our dear aunt who passed away February 25, 1992.
Sad are the hearts that loved you
Silent the tears that fall.
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
Sadly missed and never forgotten by nieces and nephews, **Alberta, Bernie, Cheryl, David, Erin, and families.**

MACKENZIE, DONELDA – In loving memory of a dear sister who passed away February 25, 1992.
May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper so you will hear
That we will forever love and miss you
And wish that you were here.
Always in our hearts, **Marjorie and George, Lyle and Carol, and Truman.**

MINTZ, MERVAL DUNCAN – In loving memory of a dear son, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, who left us suddenly February 28, 1990.
A golden heart stopped beating
The day you went to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.
If tears could build a stairway
And heartache made a lane,
We'd walk the path to Heaven
And bring you back again.
The special years will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts
You'll be with us forever.
Sadly missed, always remembered by **Mom, Larry and Linda, André and Pauline, Gloria and Leroy, and Families.**

THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS is Friday at 5 p.m.

United Church marks World Day of Prayer

DORSET *News*
Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 7 at Knox United Church, at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this service. Using the theme "Like a Seed Which Grows Into a Tree", Christian women of South Korea have prepared the service for March 7, 1997. Because of the hostilities that divide their country, the women of North Korea could not be included in preparation of the service.

The World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. On the first Friday in March each year, people in over 170 countries participate in a common service in their own locality. This service is open to all, everyone is invited to attend.

Happy birthday greetings to Chris Clarke, and Sarah Jane Johnson.

There was a pot luck supper held at the United Church, February 10, hosted by the Knox ladies. As a precursor to the World Day of Prayer they had a slide showing and accompanying commentary on the history and current conditions of Korea. This had been well researched and was very interesting and informative. We don't always realize the hardships and suffering that is still prevalent in that country and that hostilities still divide the north from the south.

The presentation was extremely well done and appreciated by the audience which included members of all denominations. It was a very enjoyable evening of community sociability.

The Dorset Annual Winter Carnival was a great success with hundreds of individuals on hand for the event. The weather was pleasant, some sunshine and not too cold.

The snow sculptures around the village were outstanding, showing a great deal of artistry, patience and hard work. It is worth a drive through the village and up Kawagama Lake road. Don't miss the school yard, (the children always do a great job of artistic sculpturing), if you travel around you will see different animals including a big white rabbit, outdoor furniture, hearts and flowers and many other works of art. They won't last too long; it depends on the weather.

The pancake breakfast was delicious and enjoyed by an overflow crowd.

All of the food that was offered for sale was pretty well devoured, including the delicious lasagna sold by the Dorset Life Liners. I don't have any figures on how many people attended any event or were present in the village for the day, but I may have some numbers later. I understand that the parade was spectacular.

H.H. Two tablespoons of white vinegar and two tablespoons of sugar in the water that your cut flowers are in will prolong the life of your valentine blossoms. The sugar provides food and the vinegar prohibits the growth of organisms.

Club plans activities for young boys and girls

COBOCONK *News*
Sheila Lake
454-2314

The Fenelon Falls Boys and Girls Club upcoming programs are, a babysitting Leadership Program, Indoor Soccer League, and Easter Craft classes.

To register for any of the programs or to get more information please contact Satellite Co-ordinator at the Fenelon Falls Boys and Girls Club at 324-4493.

Sympathy goes out to Tom Dzikowicz in the death of his wife, Carla, who passed away February 13.

Elva Hannivan and Bob Barbour were in hospital recently. We wish them a fast recovery.

Get well wishes to Ken Murchison who had his right foot and part of his leg amputated in the Civic Hospital in Peterborough recently. It seems there is so much illness this winter but Ken is likely suffering more than most of us. Hope you respond well to therapy Ken and can soon be home.

Moms and Tots can enjoy a fun time at Faith Tabernacle Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Don't forget the Coboconk Food Bank is still in need of groceries to stock their shelves. The food bank is open the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Civitan House. For more information call 454-9580.

(Intended for last week)

Dawn Levesque and Rachel Greer have been doing well in their figure skating tests and competitions. Also, adult senior skater, Elaine Powell has passed her skating test in Fiesta Tango. Congratulations to these hard working skaters!

Sympathy goes out to the families of the late Campbell Graham, who passed away in Campbellford recently. Campbell was born and raised in Bexley, just a short distance out of Coboconk.

Sympathy also goes out to the family of the late Donna Drach, who, with her family, has owned and operated the Pines gas station and restaurant, at the corner of Hwy. 35 and Glenarm Road intersection, just west of Fenelon Falls.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Scott Robertson, who passed away late Sunday night.

Six students from Ridgewood Public School were in the Legion Public speaking contest that takes place at the Legion on February 11.

Top three finishers in the junior division, who qualified, are: first - Ryan Ruttan; second - Lydia Fogwell; and third - Amy Graham. Alternate is Lisa Handley. The top three finalists were chosen from ten speakers.

First in the intermediate class was Jasmin Fogwell; second was Keegan Chiasson; and third place was Mark Janke. Winners were chosen from nine students.

Topics chosen by the students varied widely including composers, freckles and werewolves.

I know I have been a very tardy reporter, but we are still very busy with doctors' appointments, etc. Meanwhile, we have the horses to care for and all the usual chores and most days, Grand just wants to rest. We are trusting all the *problems will soon be gone!

We were saddened to learn of the death of Capt. Brian Samuel Abrahamse of the Salvation Army in Toronto on February 8, at 39 years. Capt. Abrahamse and his wife Lorraine were officers at the Salvation Army in Fenelon just a few years ago, and very much loved by the people there. Capt. Abrahamse died in Centenary Health Care Centre in Toronto. Sympathy goes out to Lorraine and little son, Bryan.

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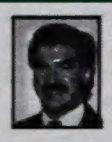

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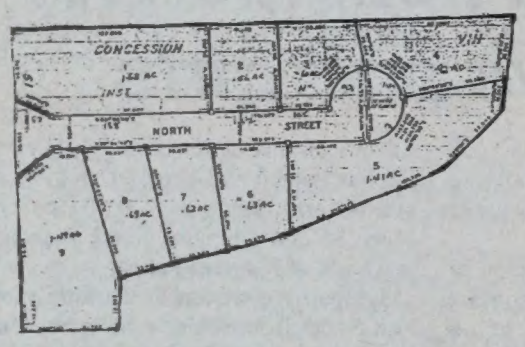
•Convenience •
•Comfort •
Young couples! Retired Couples! Here is the home to fit your needs and wallet. Why pay rent when you can afford to own a NEW townhouse - Only $69,900

MERRIE BARRY

Sales Representative 754-2258 (Res)



Developer Wanted
9 large lots. Well treed, all approved. No road in. Approx. $50. per lot taxes. Asking $55,000

RICK LOWES

Sales Representative 286-2911 (Office) 489-1411 (Res)

LONG LAKE
Three bedroom waterfront home, year round road. Good shoreline, miles of boating, excellent fishing, crawl space, deck. All this for only $79,900. Must be seen. Call Rick Lowes

BILL PAYNE

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CONTAU LAKE
Great fishing lake. Two bedroom winterized cottage, wraparound deck, drilled well, sleeping cabin, wood stove, year round road. Reasonably priced at $74,000. Call Bill Payne

TROY AUSTEN

Sales Representative 457-2535 (Res)

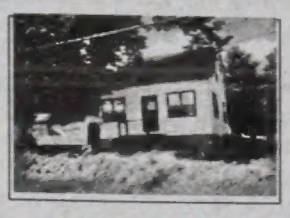
TURN KEY COTTAGE
Year round access, stone fireplace, 3 bdrm & bunkie
$79,000

JUST TURN THE KEY

1st TIME HOME BUYERS
2 bedroom, drilled well, F.A.O., move right in
$42,500

LINDA BAUMGARTNER

Sales Representative 457-3461 (Res)



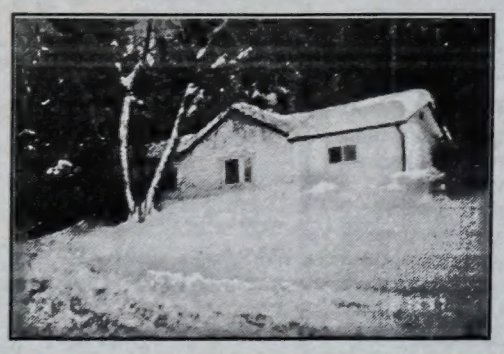
$49,900
1 1/2 storey, 2 bdrm, close to amenities, FAO, cute & cozy

$42,500
3 bdrm, view of lake, newer roof & siding, FAO heat.

$79,000
4 bdrm, many upgrades, lge rec rm & laundry, FAO

JULIE GRAY

Sales Representative 286-2497 (Res)



NEW LISTING
Haliburton Village, Enjoy gorgeous view over Head Lake and beautiful sunsets from the bay window of this unique 1 bdrm "dollhouse" within walking distance to all amenities. Many upgrades. Only $49,000.

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